

## **Global Link Scholarships**

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Global Link Scholarships are given to international students each semester based on the previous semester's work. Money for these scholarships comes from the Student Association and the UW System fund. The purpose of this scholarship is to assist students who pay out of state tuition.

### **Who is eligible?**

Degree seeking F-1 students (contract students are not eligible).

### **What are the requirements?**

Students must achieve/complete the following items during the semester:

- Undergrad students must achieve a minimum GPA of 2.5 for the semester while taking a full course load (minimum of 12 credits)
- Graduate students must achieve a minimum GPA of 3.0 for the semester while taking a full course load (minimum of 9 credits).
- Participate in at least two Global Link Activities
- Attend one scholarship meeting at the end of the semester

### **What about ESL students?**

Students taking only ESL courses are not eligible (there is no out of state tuition for ESL courses). Students taking partial ESL and University courses are eligible under the following conditions:

- Pass all ESL courses and achieve a minimum GPA of 2.5 for undergrads and 3.0 for grads.
- Take a full course load (12 credits UG and 9 credits G)
- Participate in at least two Global Link Activities
- Attend one scholarship meeting at the end of the semester

## Are there any exceptions?

Yes. Graduate students can only receive money from one of the sources. Graduate students who have their out of state tuition waived may not be eligible for the scholarship.

## Where do I find out about the Global Link Activities?

Each semester an email is sent within the first 3-4 weeks outlining opportunities for the semester (only UW-L student email addresses are used). Regular updates follow. Sign up sheets for various activities are available at the front desk of OIE. There are always numerous opportunities available to interested students who want to participate. Global Link opportunities are offered September – November (fall semester) and February – April (spring semester).

## When are the scholarship meetings?

Fall 2009:

- 12/9/2009            12:30pm – 1:30pm            CC340
- 12/10/2009          3:00pm – 4:00pm            CC340
- 12/11/2009          3:00pm – 4:00pm            CC340

Spring 2010:

- 5/5/2010            12:30pm – 1:30pm            CC340
- 5/6/2010            3:00pm – 4:00pm            CC340
- 5/7/2010            3:00pm – 4:00pm            CC 340

## What happens if I have to work or class during the times listed?

Students who have a class conflict with **each** of the times listed need to notify the international student advisors ([sasaki.dian@uwlax.edu](mailto:sasaki.dian@uwlax.edu) [scarpa.cynt@uwlax.edu](mailto:scarpa.cynt@uwlax.edu)) at least one week prior to the first meeting date. Students who have a work conflict will need to talk with their supervisors about getting time off to attend one meeting. Suggestion – attend the first available meeting you can just in case something comes up.

## What happens if I forget to attend a meeting? Can I still pick up an application from OIE?

It is the student's responsibility to fulfill all three requirements in order to be eligible to receive a scholarship. If a student forgets to attend a meeting, they have not fulfilled all necessary requirements.

## **Can International Students receive financial aid?**

International students are not eligible to receive financial aid. As part of the F-1 visa requirements, international students must have the financial means to pay for their tuition, fees, housing, meals and insurance each term they are registered.

## **Are there any other scholarships available for international students?**

Go to the UW-L Foundation website to check available scholarships.

<http://www.foundation.uwlax.edu/schbooklet.html>

Criteria for each scholarship will be listed in the booklet. Generally, these scholarships are open to all students on campus.