

## International Student Services (ISSO) New Student Scholarship

The ISSO will award one (1) \$1000 competitive scholarship to one (1) new first semester international student at Texas A&M University- Commerce this spring semester 2012. Students concluding Optional Practical Training employment and enrolling in a new degree program will be eligible for the scholarship.

Current A&M-Commerce students matriculating to begin a new degree, continuing with a second degree at the same education level immediately after completion of first degree, or any student applying for a change of visa status will not be eligible. English Language Institute students are not eligible for the scholarship.

**Applications for the scholarship WILL ONLY BE PROVIDED to students who complete check-in during the posted times prior to 12pm (noon) Wednesday, January 11. Please note that applications are due NO LATER than 12pm (noon) on Wednesday, January 11.**

### ISSO Scholarship Award

The one (1) spring recipient of the scholarship will be awarded the full \$1000 for the spring and will be eligible for the in-state tuition waiver in spring 2012 and summer 2012. **The scholarship and in-state benefit WILL NOT extend past the summer 2012 semester.** Only one (1) scholarship will be awarded for the spring 2012 semester and the scholarship **is not renewable.** The scholarship award recipient will be announced during international student orientation and the recipient must attend **ALL** sessions of orientation and be present during the award announcement or the award will be forfeited.

### Eligibility

- Must be an F-1 visa international student at the time of application and have not applied for permanent residency or had an H1-B visa petition filed on their behalf.
- Must complete check-in with an international advisor no later than 12pm noon on Wednesday, January 11 and submit their application no later than 12pm noon on Wednesday, January 11.
- Must attend **all** sessions of international student orientation and be present to accept award or award will be forfeited.
- Must be enrolled in at least twelve (12) semester credit hours as an undergraduate student or nine (9) semester credit hours as a graduate student for spring 2012 semesters. There are no special requirements for students enrolling in the summer.
- Must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Must be in good academic and disciplinary standing with the university
- Must be in good financial standing with the university

### Application Process

Student must **complete** check-in with an international advisor in the ISSO, Halladay 104, and submit their application to the ISSO in person by 12pm noon on Wednesday, January 11.

**Applications will only be provided during the check-in sessions prior to international student orientation and all applications must be returned to the ISSO in Halladay 104 IN PERSON NO LATER than 12pm noon (CST) on Wednesday, January 11. Applications dropped off by another person, faxed, or emailed will not be considered. Any applications received after 12pm noon (CST) will not be considered.**

**Students are strongly encouraged to check-in PRIOR to Wednesday, January 11 to allow time to complete the scholarship application.**

### Selection Process

Selection of the scholarship recipient will be based on answers to questions and essay questions in application. Preference will be given to students who provide well thought out, meaningful, and original responses, correct English grammar, and legible handwriting. It is recommended that students type their essay response on a separate sheet of paper. Scholarship award recipient will be announced during international student orientation and the recipient must be present or the award will be forfeited. **Applicants who plagiarize from another applicant will be automatically disqualified.**