International Leadership Scholarship

For new international students who plan to begin study in the fall semester or the spring semester, Murray State University offers a merit-based international scholarship.

- The International Leadership Scholarship provides a waiver of the non-resident portion of Murray State University tuition. This scholarship is valued at approximately $9,300 per year for graduate students and $7,500 per year for undergraduates.
- Scholarships are awarded for four years of undergraduate study or two years of graduate study, as long as recipients remain in good academic standing.
- Please note that this is not a full scholarship and recipients will still need funding of approximately $15,000 to $20,000 per year for the remaining tuition, room, board, books, insurance and incidentals.

Eligibility: The Murray State University International Leadership Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis to applicants who are citizens or permanent residents of countries other than the United States. Applicants must apply and be admitted to an undergraduate or graduate program at Murray State and submit financial documents proving the ability to pay the remaining tuition and living expenses after the scholarship is awarded. Students who have already begun study at Murray State University are not eligible. The International Leadership Scholarship may not be used in conjunction with a graduate assistantship or other financial support from Murray State University.

Provisions and Responsibilities: The Murray State University Leadership Scholarship provides a waiver of the non-resident portion of Murray State University tuition. The scholarship is renewable each semester (up to eight semesters for undergraduate study and up to four semesters for graduate study) on the condition that recipient maintain a grade point average of at least 3.0 in undergraduate programs and 3.5 in graduate degree programs at Murray State University. The scholarship may be used during summer sessions at Murray State University. Recipients will be eligible to seek on-campus employment of up to 20 hours per week while classes are in session and full-time during academic breaks and vacations. Please note, however, (a) that receipt of the scholarship does not ensure the availability of on-campus employment; (b) that recipients of the scholarship will be expected to contribute to and participate in intercultural programs on campus upon request.

Application Procedures: Applicants must provide the following information, in English, in the sequence outlined below:

1. Leadership Scholarship Application available by visiting: http://www.murraystate.edu/Students/International/IIS/Admissions/InternationalLeadershipScholarshipApplication.aspx
2. An essay 400-500 words in which the applicant introduces his or her special interests and abilities and explains how he or she will use the opportunity of study at Murray State University to promote understanding and respect among people of the United State and his/her country.
3. Two letters of reference, at least one of which must be written by a teacher who has taught the applicant in secondary or post-secondary classes. If necessary, the letters of reference may be written in a language other than English.
4. Letter of acceptance from Murray State University's Office of Admissions to an undergraduate or graduate degree program.

Application Deadline and Selection Criteria: Complete application packages, following the procedures outlined above, must be submitted no later than March 15 for the fall semester and September 15 for the spring semester. Selection Process: Applications for the Murray State University International Leadership Scholarship will be reviewed by a committee composed of Murray State University faculty and administrators. The committee will select for awards the five applicants who most successfully demonstrate:
a) strong academic backgrounds and potential as illustrated by previous academic records, acceptance to a degree program at Murray State University, and comments provided in the letters of reference
(b) strong leadership abilities as indicated in comments provided by references and in the personal essay;
(c) effective communication skills as evident in the essay;
(d) active and creative interest in promoting intercultural understanding as evident in the essay

Notification: Applicants will learn the decision of the selection committee on or before March 30th (fall applicants) or September 31st (spring applicants).

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