



International Ambassador Scholarship Application Instructions

A limited number of International Ambassador Scholarships are awarded each year to international students¹ who are chosen to serve as International Ambassadors. Preference is given to applicants who may not otherwise be able to attend Winthrop for financial reasons. The value of the award is \$250 per semester plus an out-of-state grant².

Application Process and Requirements

Scholarships are awarded by the International Ambassador Scholarship Committee. Recipients will be selected on the basis of their academic performance in high school or college, financial need, and potential for serving as a good representative of their country and the International Center, based on a review of the documents listed below.

To be considered for the Ambassador Scholarship, you must:

1. Be admitted to Winthrop University. Submit to the International Center a completed Statement of Financial Responsibility and Affidavit of Support including the required supporting bank letter or bank statement from sponsor;
2. Provide a brief list of any volunteer work you have done, along with event planning or organizing, membership in clubs and organizations, or talent you may have, etc. A simple bulleted list is acceptable.
3. A 750-1,000 word personal statement describing:
 - a. Your future goals;
 - b. Three specific ideas of ways you can represent your home country to the Winthrop community;
 - c. Your financial situation and how the Ambassador Scholarship will help you pursue your educationThis statement must be your own work and must address **each** of these specific questions or you will be considered ineligible for the scholarship.
4. A letter of recommendation written in English from a high school principal, counselor, or teacher (for freshman applicants) or from a college official (for transfer and graduate students).

For full consideration please apply by the following priority deadlines:

Fall semester: May 1; Spring semester: October 1

Requirements and Expectations of the Scholarship Recipients

- Ambassadors must give 30 hours of service per semester to the International Center. The actual service/tasks will vary, but include helping with the orientation of new students, assisting in organizing activities for international students, and participating in various leadership opportunities. Please note that an Ambassador's service will not interfere with scheduled class time.
- The scholarship is renewable for up to eight semesters (maximum four academic years) provided the student maintains a cumulative GPA of 3.0 and completes 30 hours of service per semester for the International Center.
- The International Center reserves the right to remove the award at any time if an Ambassador does not fulfill the scholarship requirements/expectations.

If you have any questions please contact:

The International Center of Winthrop University at international@winthrop.edu or +1 803 323 2133.

¹Students studying on non-immigrant visas (F or J).

²Out-of-state scholarships include a grant to cover a portion of out-of-state tuition fees.