Eligibility Criteria

Need-Based Scholarship Funds (non-recurring) – Amount varies based on availability of funds.

- **Minimum Overall GPA of 2.5** - Students must be in good academic standing, with minimum overall Undergraduate GPA of 2.5 (a 3.0 for Graduate students, or a 2.333 for Chase College of Law students).
- **Eligible to Participate in Program** – International Students must be in current F-1 non-immigrant student immigration status at the time of application. Students must complete the attached application form and provide all application materials required to be considered.
- **One-Year NKU Enrollment** – Students wishing to apply must have been enrolled for at least one academic year at NKU at the time of application submission.
- **Participation Requirement** – If awarded, students must attend or participate in at least 20 hours of ISSS programs and events for the semester.
- **One Time Award** – This is a one-time award for the current semester of the application. This award cannot be transferred to a future semester.

Application

Please submit the following materials to International Student and Scholar Services:

- **Scholarship Application Form** – The attached International Scholarship application form must be completed and signed.
- **Transcript** – Official transcripts are available from the Office of the Registrar. If the student is unable to obtain an official transcript due to financial difficulties, an unofficial transcript may be accepted.
- **Faculty Letter of Recommendation** – Students must submit a letter of recommendation from an NKU faculty member, preferably from a professor with whom they have taken a class, or from an academic advisor. This letter must be on office letterhead and signed by the faculty member. The letter should address the academic qualifications of the student and the student’s academic focus here at NKU.
- **Personal Essay** – Students must write a 1-2 page typed essay describing:
  1. The academic and personal benefits you believe that you will gain from receiving this scholarship
  2. Why and/or how the award will assist you in being able to complete your degree
  3. An explanation of your financial plans to cover the remaining costs of your tuition and expenses at NKU (internships, family funds, applications for other scholarships, on-campus employment, etc.).
    A five paragraph essay format is recommended, with each of the three middle paragraphs covering one of the topics above. As the quality of the essay is evaluated by the scholarship review committee, students should be attentive to grammar and spelling.

Application Review Dates

Scholarships are received and reviewed in the order they are submitted (with all required documents). It is recommended that students **turn in their applications as soon as possible**.
Award Amount

- **Need-Based Scholarship WILL NOT Cover All Tuition Costs** – In all cases, this scholarship will not cover the entire cost of a student’s studies/program. A significant portion of the program cost will remain the student’s responsibility.
- **Scholarships WILL NOT Cover Room/Board and Other Living Expenses** – In all cases, the scholarship will not cover cost of living and students cannot receive cash refunds to cover room and board, or funds for other personal expenses.
- **Award Disbursement** – The award will be posted directly to the student’s NKU account within 3 weeks of notification of award.

*All award information is subject to change based on scholarship fund availability.

Selection Procedure

- **Applications Reviewed by 3-4 Person Committee** – Scholarship applications will be reviewed by a 3-4 person committee, appointed by International Student and Scholar Services. This committee shall determine rankings based upon the review of all application materials. The committee with submit their rankings to the Director of International Student and Scholar Services.
- **Academic Performance, Essay, and Academic Relevance Evaluated** – Scholarship applications will be evaluated by the committee in three categories: academic performance, the quality of the personal essay, and the student’s commitment to NKU and the NKU community at large. The committee will use the applicant’s essay, letter of recommendation, and transcript in order to evaluate these three categories.
- **Financial Need Evaluated** – A major criterion for the need-based scholarship will be financial need. This will be determined by the financial needs explained and outlined in the personal essay. Supporting documentation may be helpful if available, but it is not required.
- **1-2 Weeks to Processing of Application** – The final decision will be relayed to the students by International Student and Scholar Services via email approximately 2-3 weeks after a completed application is submitted. Please note that time periods when the university is closed (such as winter break) are not included in this processing time.

Background

Former NKU President James Votruba established this International Student Scholarship Fund, allowing a recurring annual allotment of $95,000 to be awarded to NKU international students. The scholarship fund was increased from $95,000 in 2010 to $125,000 in 2011.
Center for Global Initiatives & International Affairs
International Student & Scholar Services

International Student Need-Based Scholarship Award
2016-2017

Applicant Name: ____________________________________________

(Last) (First)

Current Mailing Address: _______________________________________

E-mail Address: ______________________________________________

Telephone Number: (____) ____________________________

Year:

☐ Sophomore
☐ Junior
☐ Senior
☐ Graduate Student
☐ Law Student

Major: ______________________________________________________

Country: ___________________________________________________

Have you received an International Student Scholarship in the past? Yes ☐ No ☐

Please indicate the amount of scholarship funds you are requesting: $ _______________

Remember we will not process applications until you have included the following:

☐ Application Form
☐ Transcript
☐ Faculty Letter of Recommendation
☐ Personal Essay

Note: you must explain your financial needs in this essay at length, the amount of funds you are requesting, and your plan to improve your financial situation in the future.

Release of Information:

I hereby attest to the accuracy of the information I have included in this application and give my full permission for the use of my information in the selection process of awarding this scholarship. I understand my full application will be reviewed by all members of the selection committee, appointed by International Student and Scholar Services. I give full permission to all members of this committee to review my information.

______________________________________________________
Signature

______________________________________________________
Date