



**Metropolitan State University**  
**Non-resident Tuition Scholarship for International Students**  
**(Based on University Policy 3010)**

The international student non-resident scholarship tuition is a special award for Metropolitan State's full-time international students who have demonstrated good academic standing. It allows eligible students to pay tuition at the same rate as Minnesota residents. The tuition scholarship is renewable for up to eight semesters for eligible undergraduate students and five semesters for graduate students, if all eligibility and renewal criteria are met and financial resources are available. The complete policy may be found at: <http://www.metrostate.edu/msweb/choose/policies/index.cfm>.

**To be eligible, students must:**

- Be admitted as a degree seeking student;
- Hold valid international student status;
- Be enrolled as full-time student when making application and during the scholarship period (minimum 12 credits for undergraduate and 8 credits for graduate students)
- Provide proof of university international student health insurance coverage;
- To continue receiving the tuition scholarship, undergraduate students must have a cumulative 2.5 GPA and successfully complete a minimum of 12 credits per semester. Graduate students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 and successfully complete a minimum of eight graduate credits per semester. Grades of I, W, or F/NC will not be applied towards the credit requirement. A student may not enroll in more than one course as pass/fail per semester.
- Maintain their current resident address on file with Metropolitan State's Records and Registration, and International Student Services office.
- Must complete at participate or attend 2 cultural activities or participate community service volunteer activities every semester. They must also complete and submit a Cultural Activity/Volunteer Form. The community service/cultural activity must be pre-approved by the Director of International Student Services.

**Full Course Load**

International students with F-1 visa must be enrolled for fall and spring semesters, and complete a full course load (undergraduate students 12 credits/semester and graduate students 8 credits/semester). Summer enrollment is optional. Students with pre-approved (by academic advisor and ISS) Reduced Course load (RCL) form on file are considered in compliance with the full course load requirement.

**Application Process**

The tuition scholarship application materials are available from the International Student Services (ISS) web site. Students must re-apply each semester. Applications deadlines are: **May 1** for fall semester, **December 1** for spring semester and **April 1** for summer. All applicants must submit the following materials to the International Services Office, postmarked on or before the deadline:

- International Student Tuition Scholarship Application form;
- Provide proof of Metropolitan State health insurance coverage.

**GPA Verification**

Each semester, the ISS office will verify students' cumulative GPA before giving clearance for the tuition scholarship (provided all grades are submitted). Grades of "I", "W", "F/NC" may disqualify students from receiving the scholarship. A cumulative GPA of 2.5 for undergraduate students and 3.0 for graduate students is required for the scholarship.

**Selection Process**

The ISS office will determine which students will be considered for a scholarship award based upon the above criteria. The primary selection criteria will be based on academic performance.

**Notification of Results**

Approval or denial notices will be sent to your Metropolitan State e-mail account no later than July 1 for Fall Semester, January 8 for Spring Semester, and May 30 for Summer Semester. \*If the date falls on a Saturday, notification will be made the preceding Friday, and if it falls on a Sunday notification will be made the subsequent Monday.