



International Cultural Service Program Application Information

ICSP

International students demonstrating financial need and exceptional merit are encouraged to apply to participate in Western Oregon University's International Cultural Service Program (ICSP). Students selected to participate in the ICSP receive scholarship assistance which reduces their tuition. Please note that the scholarship assistance offered by this program is only a partial scholarship. You will still be responsible for covering the remaining tuition and living expenses with funds from other sources. Scholarships from ICSP reduce tuition, but cannot be converted to assist with living expenses. In return for this reduction in tuition, ICSP students are required to complete 80 hours per year of cultural service. This service generally takes the form of speaking about your country to local school classes and community groups. Applications for the ICSP awards are extremely competitive. The ICSP Selection Committee, made up of Western faculty members, annually reviews around 50 applications. Demonstrated financial need is an important criterion for the program. Applicants are encouraged to provide as much information as possible about their financial support. A diversity of representative countries on the program may also be criteria for selection.

DEADLINE

Applications must be received on or before March 1 at 5pm. Students selected will begin the program the following fall term. New awards are only made for students arriving fall term.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be admitted or admissible to Western Oregon University in order to be considered for ICSP. Therefore, ICSP applicants who are not currently students at WOU must have applied for admission to an undergraduate or graduate degree program before their application will be considered. Students who are currently registered at Western Oregon must meet the academic guidelines of the program. Undergraduates must have a minimum 2.5 grade point average, and graduate students must have a minimum 3.0

APPLICATION

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Completed applications ***must*** include ***all*** of the following:

- Original application and ALL supporting documents.
- A two page **personal biography** to accompany the ICSP application. This biography should be in the form of an essay and not a mere listing of facts. It should include information concerning the applicant's past life, future goals, education, influential experiences and special interests.
- The application process asks for two letters of recommendation (see item #32 on the application form). Applicants are responsible for making sure that their recommendations are submitted as part of the completed application.
- Please pay special attention to #30. The selection committee is very interested in the kinds of presentations applicants are able to make.
- Submit a copy of your latest transcript (high school for freshman, University or College for transfers) indicating your academic progress. If your transcript does not use the 4.0 scale, please indicate how grade averages are determined.