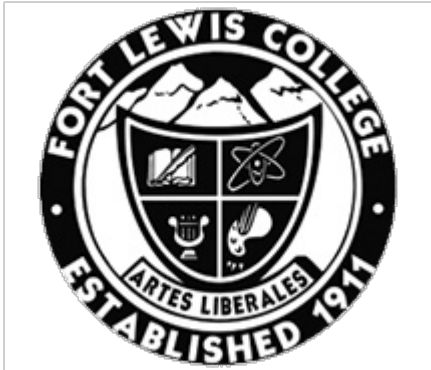


# First-Year International Academic Tuition Scholarship

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## Section I: Requirements Applicable to International Academic Tuition Scholarship

1. The application for admission serves as the application for the International Academic Tuition Scholarship, hereafter INTL scholarship.
2. Students must be admitted as a degree-seeking, international, first-time freshman in a Fall or Spring semester. An international student, for the purposes of this scholarship, is defined as a non U.S. citizen who graduated from a non U.S. high school.
3. INTL scholarships can only be applied to Fort Lewis College tuition expenses.
4. INTL scholarship disbursements are applied to the Fort Lewis College tuition bill by the Accounting Office.
5. An international freshman who submits ACT composite and/or SAT combined scores at time of admission will be considered for the Freshman Merit (FITM) Scholarship. An international student will be eligible for and awarded the higher scholarship amount between the FITM and INTL scholarships.

6. INTL scholarships will be disbursed at 50% of the annual award each Fall and Spring semester.
7. The INTL scholarship cannot be combined with any other institutional scholarship or grant including FLC Foundation scholarships.
8. A student receiving full tuition benefits from an external agency is not eligible for an INTL scholarship.
9. A student receiving partial tuition benefits from an external agency is eligible for the INTL scholarship, but the scholarship will be applied last, after the external agency tuition benefits, up to the cost of tuition, unless an agreement between an external agency and Fort Lewis College specifies otherwise.
10. A student receiving benefits under Fort Lewis College policy 4-13 Tuition Reduction Benefit Program for Spouses and Dependent Children are eligible for the INTL scholarship, but the scholarship will be applied last, after the tuition reduction, up to the cost of tuition.

## **Section II: Eligibility Criteria for Initial Award of the International Academic Tuition Scholarship**

1. International Academic Tuition Scholarship
  1. The INTL Scholarship minimum eligibility standards are:
    - i. Must have the U.S. equivalent of a cumulative secondary/high school grade point average of 3.00 or higher.
    - ii. Must be degree-seeking international student (short-term exchange and dual citizenship are ineligible) classified as a non-resident for tuition purposes. Student must be a non-citizen who graduated from a non U.S. high school.

## **Section III: Annual Award Amounts**

1. International Academic Tuition Scholarship annual award amounts are \$6,000.
  1. The award applies to non-resident tuition.

## **Section IV: Renewal Criteria**

The renewal criteria for the INTL Scholarship are:

1. Cumulative Grade Point Average
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    1. A student must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or higher on college-level coursework taken at Fort Lewis College.

## **Section V: Length of Award**

1. Institutional academic tuition scholarships are renewable, assuming renewal criteria have been met, up to 8 semesters.

1. The length of award will not be extended for a freshman student who completes fewer than 30 credits in the initial award year.
2. The 8 semesters will be counted from the student's first term of attendance regardless of disbursement.

## **Section VI: Evaluation of Renewal Criteria**

1. A student receiving the INTL scholarship, regardless of whether the initial award was in the Fall or Spring semester, will be evaluated for renewal criteria by the Financial Aid Office after posting of grades by the Registrar for the Spring semester.
2. A student not meeting renewal criteria after Spring semester who is enrolled in Summer courses at Fort Lewis College or has Study Abroad transcripts that have not been received will be evaluated after the posting of grades by the Registrar for the Summer semester.

## **Section VII: Scholarship Cancellation**

1. A student will have their INTL scholarship cancelled if they:
  1. Do not meet the renewal criteria set forth in Section IV.
  2. Has exceeded the award length set forth in Section V.
  3. Does not meet the disbursement criteria set forth in Section I.
  4. Does not attend continuous Fall and Spring semesters after award of the scholarship.
    - i. A student who is enrolled in but subsequently officially withdraws from a semester will be considered to have failed to attend continuously.
    - ii. Enrollment in a Summer semester cannot substitute for failure to enroll in a Fall and Spring semester for purposes of meeting the continuous enrollment standard.

## **Section VIII: Scholarship Appeals**

1. A student whose scholarship has been cancelled after initial award for any of the requirements stated in Sections I, IV or V may appeal for reinstatement to the Scholarship Appeals Committee.
2. To appeal, the student must prepare an appeals package. Required documents are:
  1. Completed and signed Institutional Scholarship Cancellation & Award Amount Appeal Form.
  2. Personal Statement.
  3. Documentation verifying the claims in the personal statement.
    - i. Program and Degree Plan when indicated on the Scholarship Appeal Form.
  4. A complete appeals package must be received by the Financial Aid Office by the method and deadline published on the Financial Aid website.
3. The Scholarship Appeals Committee may consider academic and disciplinary history and academic standing in making its decision.

4. The Scholarship Appeals Committee may make the following determinations after review of an appeals package:
  1. Deferred.
  2. Denied.
  3. Denied with invitation to re-appeal after meeting specified conditions.
  4. Approved for immediate reinstatement of full or partial scholarship, with or without conditions.
  5. Approved for disbursement of partial scholarship in a Summer semester, with conditions.

## **Section IX: Notifications & Reminders**

1. Notification of Initial Award:
  1. The Financial Aid Office will send an official award notification by letter detailing the award amount, the terms and conditions, and the instructions and deadline for formally accepting the scholarship offer and its terms and conditions.
2. Notification of Changes to Initial Award:
  1. The Financial Aid Office will notify a student by email to the student's FLC email account of reductions or cancellations after initial award. This notification will direct the student to their WebOpus account to view changes to their award. Changes may occur due to, but are not limited to, admission status appeal decision, discovery of undisclosed transcripts, changes in residency status, or funding availability.
3. Notification of Cancellations:
  1. The Financial Aid Office will notify a student by email to the student's FLC email account after the Spring semester if their scholarship is cancelled due to failure to meet renewal criteria unless a student is enrolled in the Summer semester at Fort Lewis College or has Study Abroad transcripts pending, in which case notification will occur at the end of the Summer semester. The notice will include the reason for cancellation and the process to appeal.
  2. The Financial Aid Office will notify a student by email to the student's FLC email account if a scholarship is being cancelled due to receipt of full tuition benefits from an external agency. The notice will be sent when the Office of Financial Aid has become aware of the external resources. These resources could include, but are not limited to, private tuition scholarships or the FLC tuition reduction benefit program.
  3. The Financial Aid Office will notify a student by email to the student's FLC email account if a scholarship is being cancelled due to receipt of another institutional or FLC Foundation scholarship. Refer to Section 1.
4. Notification of Appeal Decisions:
  1. The Scholarship Coordinator for the Financial Aid Office will notify a student by email to the student's FLC email account the decision made on a scholarship appeal.
5. Notification of Changes in Terms and Conditions:
  1. The Financial Aid Office will notify students of any changes to terms and conditions approved by the President.

6. Reminders:

1. The Financial Aid Office will send out an email to the FLC email address that informs students of the award length limits. This email will be sent prior to registration for each term.
2. The Financial Aid Office will send out an email to the FLC email address that reminds students who are not registered full time that they must register for a minimum of 12 credits by census date or their scholarship will be cancelled.

## Section X: Reason for Policy

1. To specify the requirements for award, disbursement, renewal, cancellation, and reinstatement of International Academic Tuition Scholarship.

## Section XI: Responsibilities

**For following the policy:** Students receiving scholarship awards, Director of Financial Aid, Scholarship Appeals Committee

**For enforcement of the policy:** Vice President, Finance and Administration

**For oversight of the policy:** Vice President, Finance and Administration

**For notification of policy:** Policy Librarian

**For notification of policy to students:** Director of Financial Aid

**For procedures implementing the policy:** Controller, Director of Financial Aid.

## Section XII: Definitions

International Student: A degree seeking non-citizen who graduated from a non U.S. high school.

## Section XIII: Cross-Referenced Policies

1. Freshman Tuition Merit Scholarship Policy
2. First Year Tuition Merit Scholarships