



# GLOBAL STARS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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## Program Overview

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### Who is eligible to apply?

High school seniors or college freshman, sophomore or junior who plan to enroll in part-time or full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university, or vocational-technical school for the entire upcoming academic year and

- Self-identify as one or more of the following:
  - Black or African American
  - American Indian or Alaska Native
  - Hispanic or Latino
  - Asian
  - Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
  - Female (any race/ethnicity)
- Be pursuing a degree in one of the following areas of study (or similar):
  - Business/International Business, Marketing, Information Systems, Accounting
  - Finance, Human Resources
  - Hospitality/Entertainment/Sports Management
  - Communications/Public Relations/Digital Media
  - Information Technology
  - Graphic Design
  - Culinary Arts
  - Retail (Merchandising)
  - Operations
- Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent)
- Reside in or within 30 miles of one of the eligible cities

*\*Please note: Employees of Legends, ASM Global, or their affiliates, and children of those employees, are not eligible*

### When is the application deadline?

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### What is the Program timeline?

- Application Open: April 10th, 2025
- Application Deadline: May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Notification of Selection Results: Mid-June 2025
- Funds Disbursed: August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

### Is this award renewable?

No

### Who administers this Program?

To ensure complete impartiality in the selection of recipients and to maintain a high level of professionalism and security, the program is administered by International Scholarship and Tuition Services, Inc. (ISTS), an independent company that specializes in managing sponsored educational assistance programs.

## Award Details

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### What are the selection criteria?

An independent selection committee will evaluate the complete applications and select recipients based on the following criteria:

The program will utilize SAI recipient selection criteria, which include consideration of academic performance, work experience, demonstrated leadership, and participation in school and community activities. Financial need will also be considered, and recipients must demonstrate this need. When qualified applications are received, preference will be given to minority applicants. Employees of Legends, ASM Global, or their affiliates, along with their children, are not eligible.

*The selection committee's decisions are final and not subject to appeal. No application feedback will be given.*

### What are the details of the award?

- Up to 100 awards of \$2,500 will be awarded annually and are not renewable.
- If qualified applications are received, preference will be given to minority applicants.
- Students may reapply each year as long as they continue to meet the eligibility criteria.
- Scholarships will be applied to tuition, fees, books, and supplies required for coursework at accredited institutions in the United States. These institutions include two-year colleges, four-year colleges, vocational schools, and technical schools. Students may transfer from one institution to another and retain the award.
- Scholarships may not be applied to room and board and cannot be used to purchase a laptop if not required for all students attending the institution or course.

### What are my responsibilities if I am chosen as a recipient?

You must enroll as a full-time undergraduate student in the fall of the year in which the scholarships are awarded. You must continue the entire academic year without interruption unless approved by the scholarship sponsor. You are responsible for delivering your scholarship check(s) to the proper office at your institution with its attached instructions. You should notify ISTS if your check does not arrive within 30 days of the issue date. You will receive an email notification when your funds are issued.

### How and when are funds issued?

Your funds will be issued via check in early August. The check will be made payable only to the institution listed on your **My Profile** page. *Your scholarship check cannot be made payable to you, the applicant.* It will be mailed to your home address for you to deliver it to the appropriate office at your institution. You will receive an email notification once your funds have been issued.

### How do I change my college choice?

Ensure your **Profile** page indicates your final college choice. It is your responsibility to verify that your **Profile** page is accurate at least 30 days before the check issue date mentioned above. If your scholarship check needs to be reissued for any reason, a reissue fee may apply.

## Application Details

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### Which school should I list on the application if I have not made a final decision?

You should list your first-choice school on the application. You can change your college choice at any time before the application deadline. If selected as a recipient, you will need to confirm your final school choice. If your school changes after the acceptance deadline, you can update this information on your **Profile** page.

### What are the differences between Official and Unofficial Transcripts?

**Official transcripts** must be requested from your high school administration office or your college registrar's office. Transcripts are typically printed on official letterhead and/or indicate that they are official. They may include or require a signature.

*Note: Your official transcript may come to you in a sealed envelope, stating it will become unofficial if opened. When scanning or copying your official transcripts, a watermark may appear noting that they are now unofficial. **Despite any watermarks or sealed envelopes, you may open the envelope if needed to upload the document. These documents will be considered official for our purposes.** Acceptable file types are **.pdf, .tif, .png, .jpeg, .jpg, .bmp and .xps**. When scanning or copying, you do not need to include a copy of the sealed envelope.*

**You can** access unofficial transcripts through your school's online student portal. These pages still need to be converted to one of the acceptable file formats. **Unofficial transcripts must include your name.**

### What supporting documentation is required for this application?

- High School/Secondary School Transcript: Upcoming College Freshmen (Year 1) and Sophomores (Year 2).
- College/University Transcript: Upcoming College Sophomores (Year 2), and Juniors (Year 3).
- 2025 FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR): All United States applicants.
- Copy of your Parent/Guardian's official income statement or letter from an employer stating income and benefits (Translated into English): All applicants outside of United States.

### Where and when should I send my supporting documents?

All required supporting documents must be uploaded to your online application by the application deadline. If you do not follow the upload instructions exactly, your application may remain incomplete. Documents that meet the criteria required for this application that are uploaded by the deadline will be processed and considered on time.

## Notifications

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### How will I be notified about the status of my application?

Notifications are mainly sent via email to the address you used to create your account. Some programs also offer text and voice notifications. **Ultimately, it is your responsibility as the applicant to verify that your application status on your Home page is marked as Completed.**

### What notifications will be sent to me?

- **Deadline Reminders:** Deadline reminder emails typically begin 30-45 days prior to the application deadline.
- **Recommendation Deadline Reminder:** Individuals named as your recommenders in your application will receive a notification after the application deadline but prior to the recommendation deadline if your recommendation is still incomplete.
- **Selection Results:** Selection results notifications are sent to all **Complete** applicants.
- **Funds Disbursed:** Once your funds have been issued, you will be notified.
- **Other Scholarships:** Occasionally, if you meet the requirements for another scholarship administered by ISTS, you will be notified. These notifications are not guaranteed.

*Your information is never sold to any third party for marketing purposes.*

### Who will notifications be sent from?

You will receive notifications from two possible ISTS email addresses: [donotreply@applyISTS.com](mailto:donotreply@applyISTS.com) and [ContactUs@applyISTS.com](mailto:ContactUs@applyISTS.com). You should add both of these email addresses to your “safe senders list” to ensure important emails are not sent to your spam or junk folder.

### When will I receive notifications?

Notifications vary by program based on the Program timeline. Refer to the Program timeline listed above for more specific information. Typically, deadline reminder emails begin 30-45 days prior to the application deadline.

### Can I opt out of notifications?

While you can opt out of notifications, this is not advised. It is your responsibility as the applicant to ensure your application is **complete**. If you opt out of notifications, you will not receive deadline reminders or selection results. **Your information is never sold to any third party.** The only emails you will receive from ISTS are directly related to your application and, *possibly*, other scholarship opportunities.

## Document Upload

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### What should be visible on my documents?

All uploaded documents **must** show your name. If you are using an online portal to access your required documentation and all that is visible is the salutation and your first name (Example: Welcome Joe!), this will meet the name requirement.

### What are the acceptable file types?

The only acceptable file types are **.pdf, .tif, .png, .jpeg, .jpg, .bmp and .xps**. Any other formats will not be reviewed, and your application will remain incomplete. You may upload multiple files within a .zip file. All files within a .zip file must be in one of the acceptable file types listed above.

### Why can't I upload a Word document?

ISTS does not accept any editable file format.

### One of the documents I uploaded has a status of Rejected. What do I do now?

Review the reason your document was rejected. Once you have corrected that issue, upload a new copy of your document.

### How do I upload more than one file at a time?

You may create a .zip file containing more than one file as long as everything included is in an acceptable file type of **.pdf, .tif, .png, .jpeg, .jpg, .bmp and .xps**. Do not upload additional documentation that is not requested. It will not be reviewed.

### How do I create a .zip file?

To use this format, follow the steps outlined below:

1. Create a new folder on your Desktop, name it the document type you will be uploading. For example, Test Scores, Transcript, or Financial Documentation.
2. Move all the files you wish to upload into the new folder.
3. Right-click on the folder from your Desktop:
  - a. PC Users: select "Send to," followed by "Compressed (zipped) folder."
  - b. Mac Users: select "Compress [folder name]."
4. Your new **.zip** file will be located on your Desktop, ready to upload.

### How long does it take to process my uploaded documents?

Documents are processed daily. Your document will be processed within 1 business day. If your document was uploaded prior to the deadline, it will be considered. However, it is your responsibility to monitor your **Home page** to ensure your document is **Accepted**.

### The deadline has passed and my documents are still Processing- what does that mean?

All documents must be reviewed for the required information and for accuracy. All documents uploaded prior to the application deadline will be reviewed and considered. You are responsible for monitoring your **Home page** to ensure your document is **Accepted** and your application status reads **Completed**.

## What are the DOs and DON'Ts of uploading documents to my application?

### DO:

- Upload one of the accepted file types.
- Only upload the requested and required documents.
- Black out any Social Security Numbers. *This is not required, but highly advised.*
- Return to your **Home page** to verify your documents have been **Accepted**.

### DON'T:

- Upload a Microsoft® Word document (.doc, .docx) or any other format we don't accept.
- Upload more than the requested documentation.
- Assume your documents are correct and accepted once you have uploaded them.
- Upload a document stating you are mailing your documents.
- Assume the required document does not pertain to you. If the application states the document is required, your application **will** remain incomplete if you do not provide that document. Contact us if you are having trouble providing a required document.
- Password protect your uploaded documents. Password-protected documents will be rejected.
- Upload any file that has a viewing expiration date.

## Other Important Information

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### Are scholarships taxable?

Tax laws vary by country. In the United States, scholarship funds used exclusively for the payment of tuition and textbooks are normally not taxable. The scholarship recipient is responsible for taxes, if any, that may be assessed against his or her scholarship award. We recommend consulting a tax adviser for more guidance. You may also consult IRS Publication 970 for additional information.

### ISTS Student Support Hub

For more helpful information about scholarships and answers to common inquiries related to ISTS' technology and processes, visit our Student Support Hub at [ISTSprogramsupport.com](https://ISTSprogramsupport.com).

### Contact Information

ISTS office hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM Central Time, and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM Central Time. Program Support Representatives are available via live chat and email during these hours. Use the green **Help** button (as shown below) at the bottom right corner of your screen to contact us.





## Eligible Locations – U.S.

If you reside within 30 miles of the following locations, you are eligible to apply:

City	State
Anchorage	AK
Birmingham	AL
Pelham	AL
Glendale	AZ
Phoenix	AZ
Tempe	AZ
Tucson	AZ
Anaheim	CA
Bakersfield	CA
Chula Vista	CA
Culver City	CA
Del Mar	CA
Fresno	CA
Indian Wells	CA
Inglewood	CA
Irvine	CA
Long Beach	CA
Los Angeles	CA
Mountain View	CA
Oakland	CA
Ontario	CA
Palm Springs	CA
Pasadena	CA
Pomona	CA
Sacramento	CA
San Bernardino	CA
San Diego	CA
San Francisco	CA
San Jose	CA
Sonoma	CA
Stockton	CA
West Sacramento	CA
Wheatland	CA

Air Force Academy	CO
Boulder	CO
Colorado Springs	CO
Commerce City	CO
Denver	CO
Morrison	CO
Hartford	CT
Washington	DC
Coral Gables	FL
Daytona Beach	FL
Ft. Lauderdale	FL
Gainesville	FL
Jacksonville	FL
Kissimmee	FL
Lake Buena Vista	FL
Melbourne	FL
Miami	FL
Orlando	FL
Pembroke Pines	FL
Pensacola	FL
Port Charlotte	FL
St. Petersburg	FL
Tallahassee	FL
Tampa	FL
West Palm Beach	FL
Alpharetta	GA
Atlanta	GA
Commerce	GA
Jekyll Island	GA
Honolulu	HI
Dubuque	IA
Dyersville	IA
Chicago	IL

Evanston	IL
Madison	IL
Peoria	IL
Rockford	IL
Tinley Park	IL
Bloomington	IN
Evansville	IN
Indianapolis	IN
Noblesville	IN
Notre Dame	IN
South Bend	IN
West Lafayette	IN
Andover	KS
Kansas City	KS
Lawrence	KS
Topeka	KS
Wichita	KS
Highland Heights	KY
Louisville	KY
Alexandria	LA
Baton Rouge	LA
Bossier City	LA
Kenner	LA
Lake Charles	LA
New Orleans	LA
Shreveport	LA
Boston	MA
Worcester	MA
Baltimore	MD
College Park	MD
Ann Arbor	MI
Detroit	MI
Grand Rapids	MI
Port Huron	MI
Saginaw	MI
Bemidji	MN
Brainerd	MN

Eagan	MN
Minneapolis	MN
Branson	MO
Maryland Heights	MO
Ridgedale	MO
St. Louis	MO
Cabarrus	NC
Cary	NC
Charlotte	NC
Concord	NC
Raleigh	NC
Wilmington	NC
Winston-Salem	NC
Lincoln	NE
Omaha	NE
Gilford	NH
Manchester	NH
Camden	NJ
Holmdel	NJ
Oceanport	NJ
Secaucus	NJ
Short Hills	NJ
Albuquerque	NM
Las Cruces	NM
Las Vegas	NV
Reno	NV
Albany	NY
Bethel	NY
Bronx	NY
Brooklyn	NY
Buffalo	NY
Coney Island	NY
Darien Center	NY
Hempstead	NY
Ithaca	NY
New York	NY
Orchard Park	NY
Rochester	NY

Saratoga Springs	NY
Staten Island	NY
Syracuse	NY
Wantagh	NY
Watkins Glen	NY
West Point	NY
Akron	OH
Berea	OH
Canton	OH
Cleveland	OH
Columbus	OH
Cuyahoga Falls	OH
Dayton	OH
Fairborn	OH
Mason	OH
Norwalk	OH
Toledo	OH
Oklahoma City	OK
Thackerville	OK
Portland	OR
Burgettstown	PA
Harrisburg	PA
Johnstown	PA
Mohnton	PA
Moosic	PA
Philadelphia	PA
Pittsburgh	PA
Reading	PA
Villanova	PA
Wilkes Barre	PA
San Juan	PR
Providence	RI
Florence	SC
N. Charleston	SC
Sioux Falls	SD
Bristol	TN
Knoxville	TN
Memphis	TN
Nashville	TN

Abilene	TX
Arlington	TX
Austin	TX
Baytown	TX
College Station	TX
Dallas	TX
El Paso	TX
Ennis	TX
Frisco	TX
Houston	TX
Irving	TX
Laredo	TX
Lubbock	TX
Midland	TX
San Antonio	TX
Salt Lake City	UT
Bristow	VA
Charlottesville	VA
Hampton Roads	VA
McLean	VA
North Dinwiddle	VA
Richmond	VA
Virginia Beach	VA
Auburn	WA
Kent	WA
Quincy	WA
Ridgefield	WA
Seattle	WA
Tacoma	WA
Elkhorn	WI
Milwaukee	WI
Somerset	WI
Huntington	WV

## Eligible Locations – Outside of U.S.

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If you reside within 30 miles of the following locations, you are eligible to apply:

City	Country
Brisbane	Australia
Cairns	Australia
Darwin	Australia
Newcastle	Australia
Perth	Australia
Sydney	Australia
West Ryde	Australia
Kingston	Canada
Moncton	Canada
St. Catharines	Canada
Toronto	Canada
Hong Kong	
Paris	France
Dortmund	Germany
Hamburg	Germany
Milan	Italy
Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia

Christchurch	New Zealand
Panama City	Panama
Porto	Portugal
Barcelona	Spain
Bilbao	Spain
Getafe	Spain
Madrid	Spain
Stockholm	Sweden
Bangkok	Thailand
Bahrain	
Dubai	UAE
Aberdeen	UK
Birmingham	UK
Helsinki	UK
Hull	UK
Leeds	UK
Lisbon	UK

Liverpool	UK
London	UK
Manchester	UK
Manchester	UK
Newcastle	UK
Oberhausen	UK
Whitley Bay	UK
York	UK
Montevideo	Uruguay