

Recommendation Form Instructions

1. Priority of this student, among ALL the students you submit from your campus, regardless of their country. **Each student should be given a unique priority ranking.**
2. – 3. Self-explanatory.
4. **Refer to the following page for a list of country codes. DO NOT list country names.**
 - A. Code of the country in which the student was born.
 - B. Code of the country of which the student is a citizen. If he/she has dual citizenship, list both countries. **If one of the countries is the USA, the student is ineligible.**
 - C. Code of the country of which the student is currently a permanent resident.

The statute authorizing the program indicates the applicant must be a *bona fide* native-born citizen and resident of a country from the Western Hemisphere other than Cuba. The answers to A, B, and C are expected to be the same. If they are not, a memo should be submitted with the form that explains how this individual meets program requirements.

5. The student must be classified as a nonresident in order to qualify. Students classified by your institution as residents **are NOT eligible**. Nonresidents awarded waivers of nonresident tuition are eligible. The statute indicates an applicant must be a resident of a country of the Western Hemisphere (other than the United States or Cuba). F-1 and J-1 visa holders meet this qualification, but so may other nonresidents.
6. If the student has applied for Permanent Resident status in the US or has dual citizenship that includes the US, he/she **is NOT eligible** for an award through this program. The recipients must plan to return to their home country when they complete their studies.
7. Please indicate whether the student meets selective service requirements based on his/her immigration status. The home page of the Selective Service Registration Office (www.sss.gov) indicates the following: **NON-CITIZENS:** Some non-citizens are required to register, while others are not. Noncitizens who are not required to register with Selective Service include men who are in the U.S. on student or visitor visas, and men who are part of a diplomatic or trade mission and their families. Almost all other male noncitizens are required to register, including illegal aliens, legal permanent residents, and refugees. The general rule is that if a male noncitizen takes up residency in the U.S. before his 26th birthday, he must register with Selective Service.
8. To be eligible for an award, the student must have lived in the Western Hemisphere for at least 5 years. If you do not know the full amount of time, but have proof of at least 5 years residence in the Western Hemisphere, answer 5 years, 0 months.
9. Does the student have any relatives working for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board? No special consideration will be given to individuals who answer yes to this question.

10. Senate Bill 1210, passed by the 83rd Texas Legislature Regular Session, adds a grade Point Average requirement for persons to receive continuation awards through this program. These changes go into effect with continuation awards for fall, 2014.

CERTIFICATION: The student must have met basic admissions requirements of the institution in order to be eligible and must be meeting the institution's academic progress requirements. signing this statement, the program officer is certifying that the student meets all program requirements.

**Codes of Eligible Countries
(Independent nations located in Western Hemisphere)**

405 Argentina
407 Antigua and Barbuda
419 Bahamas
421 Barbados
425 Bolivia
430 Brazil
431 Belize (British Honduras)
440 Canada
445 Chile
455 Colombia
460 Costa Rica
474 Dominica
475 Dominican Republic
480 Ecuador
485 El Salvador
507 Grenada
510 Guatemala
511 Guyana
513 Haiti
515 Honduras
562 Jamaica
610 Mexico
630 Nicaragua
650 Panama
655 Paraguay
660 Peru
681 Saint Kitts & Nevis
683 St. Lucia
687 St. Vincent & the Grenadines
704 Suriname
725 Trinidad and Tobago
740 Uruguay
745 Venezuela

Western Hemisphere Countries Ineligible by Statute

Anguilla (territory of United Kingdom)
Aruba (Part of Kingdom of the Netherlands)
Bouvet Island (Norwegian dependency)
Cayman Islands (British administration)
Clipperton Islands (possession of France)
Cuba (ineligible by statute)
Faulkland Islands (Great Britain)
French Guiana (French Overseas Department)
Guadeloupe (Department of France)
Montserrat (Overseas territory of the United Kingdom)
Netherland Antilles (Autonomous territory of the Netherlands)
St. Helena (British colony)
St. Pierre & Miquelon (Self-governing territorial collectivity of France)
S. Georgia & S. Sandwich Islands (British Administration)
Turks & Caicos Islands (British Overseas territory)