

Guidelines for the Ohio International Consortium Outstanding International Student Award

The Outstanding International Student Awards have been developed by the Ohio International Consortium as a way to recognize international students who have become assets to the State of Ohio. These awards uniquely symbolize the spirit of Ohio's New Americans initiative by rewarding students who have succeeded academically and successfully integrated into the fabric of their campuses and surrounding communities. Two awards will be given annually, one for undergraduate students and one for graduate students.

Potential awardees must be nominated by the International Student Office at the institution they are enrolled. Each OIC member institution is responsible for recruiting and reviewing potential nominations from their institution. Each OIC member institution would then submit no more than one graduate and one undergraduate student nominee to the awards committee. Nominations should include any certificates or relevant supporting documents that address the following criteria:

Scholarship: The creation and application of knowledge, with an emphasis on scholarly inquiry, research, experimentation, investigation and creative production.

Global Citizenship and Competence: The ability to apply knowledge and skills for responsible civic life and action. To foster a student's ability to appreciate, investigate and understand a cultural background different from his or her own. Cultural competency promotes tolerance, understanding and respect for a variety of cultures, domestic and international, and facilitates opportunity for interaction, communication and engagement.

Leadership/Partnership: Motivating others to take actions that would not otherwise have been taken. Influencing and energizing the ideas, actions and capabilities of others toward the betterment of society. Working collaboratively to address complex issues and problems, both within and beyond the boundaries of their university.

To be eligible for this award, the applicant must be a full-time, currently enrolled student on a non-immigrant student visa (F-1; J-1; M-1). Graduate students finished with all required course work who are writing a thesis or dissertation, are also eligible. Students must be on schedule to graduate spring, summer or fall terms of the year you are applying and be attending an Ohio International Consortium Member institution.

Ohio International Consortium Member Institutions:

Bowling Green State University, Central State University, Cleveland State University, Kent State University, Miami University, Ohio University, The Ohio State University, Shawnee State University, University of Akron, University of Cincinnati, University of Toledo, Youngstown State University, Wright State University

The awards, sponsored by the Ohio International Consortium, carry a cash value of \$1,500.

The completed application and supporting documents are due by February 28th, at 5 p.m. to the institution. The institution must then select and send official nominations to the awards committee by March 15th. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

The application packet consists of:

1. Completed application form from student.
2. Completed essay questions.
3. Current resume/curriculum vita.
4. Two letters of reference- at least one from a faculty member who is familiar with the applicant's professional and personal achievements. The other may be from a departmental staff member, another faculty member or a fellow student.
5. International Office Nomination form completed by the nominating school.

The application form and supporting documents must be submitted to the International Services Office at the institution the student attends. Each institution will then review and evaluate all applications and submit nominations (up to one graduate and one undergraduate student only).

Please e-mail any questions to the Outstanding International Student Awards Committee at cushinrb@ucmail.uc.edu.

Application Form: Ohio International Consortium Outstanding International Student Awards

Name of Applicant:

Name of Institution:

Program of Study:

Degree Level (bachelor's, master's, etc.):

Expected date of Graduation:

Current GPA:

Specify date of first entry into the United States:

Visa Type:

Contact Information of Applicant (phone and email):

Contact information of references (please include full address where applicable, along with phone numbers and e-mail addresses)

Please date and sign below to acknowledge that you have read, understood and agree to abide by the guidelines and regulations pertaining to the Ohio International Consortium Outstanding International Student Award.

Name

Date

Please complete the following questions for evaluation. The response to each question must be double-spaced and may not exceed two pages. Your response may be on a separate sheet of paper attached to this page and **must be received by your International Services Office on or before February 28th, by the 5pm deadline**. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. **Describe a challenge you faced as an international student at your University and how you successfully overcame the challenge.**
2. **The primary core values of this award are scholarship, Global Competence and Leadership.**

Please detail how you have applied or demonstrated these values while enrolled at your current institution.

3. **Attach your current resume or curriculum vita.**
4. **Two letters of reference:** at least one from a faculty member at your institution who is familiar with your professional and personal achievements.
5. **Is there anything else that you would like the committee to know about when considering you for this award? (Optional)** You may attach any certificates or relevant supporting documents.