NEED HELP PAYING TUITION?

Out-of-state Tuition Waiver – ISSS has a very limited amount out-of-state tuition waivers available each semester for our entire international population. These waivers allow international students to pay only in-state tuition rather than the considerably larger out-of-state tuition. Priority is given to those students with the most demonstrated financial need. Also, to be considered for the waiver you must be within one or two semesters of graduation. Students are not eligible for the waiver until they have been at Georgia State for at least one year. Watch your Georgia State email account for the ISSS Newsletter each month containing information on the deadlines for next semester’s applications. In rare cases, academic departments may have a few waivers for undergraduate students who meet certain criteria, but it is not common.

Holds on Classes – Under Georgia State’s payment policy, the University will drop any student’s classes who have not paid their ENTIRE tuition and fees by the registration/payment deadline at the beginning of the term. If there is some legitimate international reason (that can be documented) that the money cannot arrive by the payment deadline, ISSS can sometimes intervene on a student’s behalf with Student Accounts to have their classes held for an extra few weeks while the money arrives from overseas. This means that you will remain registered for classes even though you have not paid the entire amount due the University. However, you will have a hold on your account and will not be allowed to register for the next term until the balance is paid. To request a hold on your classes, fill out the Hold Classes form at our front desk and attach supporting documentation proving your international reason for not being able to pay tuition by the deadline. The Assistant Director will review your request and contact you either letting you know the hold has been placed or to request more information from you.

NEED HELP WITH LIVING EXPENSES?

Severe Economic Hardship Work Authorization – The US federal government allows F-1 international students to apply for off-campus work authorization (outside their field of study) through a process called Severe Economic Hardship. The application takes approximately 4 months to process, costs $380.00, and results in a work card valid for 12 months. For details, ask an ISSS advisor for a handout on how to apply.
Don’t forget these options as well...

1. **On-campus work** (student assistant positions and GRAs)
2. **Curricular Practical Training** (see handout in ISSS office)

Scholarship & Loan Information for International Students

**Check out these resources for more information:**

- [http://www.edupass.org/finaid/](http://www.edupass.org/finaid/)
- [http://www.foreignborn.com/study_in_us/8-paying4school.htm](http://www.foreignborn.com/study_in_us/8-paying4school.htm)
- [http://www.iefa.org/](http://www.iefa.org/)

Below are a few examples of scholarships available to international students.*

**Fulbright Program** for international educational exchange: [http://eca.state.gov/fulbright](http://eca.state.gov/fulbright)

All-USA College Academic Team for outstanding college students: [http://usatoday30.usatoday.com/marketing/academic_teams/index.html](http://usatoday30.usatoday.com/marketing/academic_teams/index.html)


Association for Women in Science (visit the “Awards & Funding” page): [http://www.awis.org/](http://www.awis.org/)

China Times Cultural Foundation award for doctoral candidates in humanities or social sciences who are enrolled at a US or Canadian University: [http://www.chinatimes.com/](http://www.chinatimes.com/) or contact ctcfmail@yahoo.com.

Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellowship Program for Eurasian students who wish to study in the U.S.: [http://www.irex.org/project/edmund-s-muskie-graduate-fellowship-program](http://www.irex.org/project/edmund-s-muskie-graduate-fellowship-program)
Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity Prize in Ethics essay contest: 
http://eliewieselfoundation.org/prizeinethics.aspx

Environmental Research and Education Foundation for excellence in academic waste management research and education: http://erefdn.org/index.php/scholarships/index

Hellenic Times Scholarship Fund for students of Greek descent: http://htsfund.org/

Spencer Foundation Fellowship Awards for educational research: 
http://www.spencer.org/content.cfm/fellowship-awards


*Please note this information is subject to change. Please visit the Georgia State University Scholarship Webpage at http://sfs.gsu.edu/scholarships-grants/ to find out more information about other potential funding sources. The Scholarship Resource Center maintains a list of scholarships available to international students. For questions about specific scholarships, please contact the Scholarship Coordinator vie-mail at: scholarships@gsu.edu or visit the Scholarship Resource Center at 251 Sparks Hall, 33 Gilmer Street, Atlanta, GA 30303.

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