



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY - SAN ANTONIO

Office of International Affairs

## Good Neighbor Scholarship (GNS) Program

The Good Neighbor Scholarship (GNS) Program is *designed to encourage academically talented students from the countries of the Western (American) hemisphere (other than Cuba and the U.S.) to pursue higher education in the State of Texas*. Thus, establishing a *beneficial link between the State of Texas and the students' home country*.

### Student Eligibility

1. Be a native-born citizen and resident of an **eligible country**;
2. Intend to return to the eligible country to live after completing the program of study;
3. Not be a dual citizen of an eligible country and the United States of America;
4. Have resided in the Western Hemisphere for at least five years;
5. Meet basic scholastic and other admissions requirements of a participating institution; to include be in good academic standing to receive the award, and continuation of the award throughout the program. Undergraduates must have a GPA of 2.0 or better, and graduates must have a GPA of 3.0 or better at time of applying for scholarship;
6. Have filed a **selective service** statement of registration status and proof of status with participating institution (*Students on valid F-1 visa do not need to register*);
7. Not be a member of the Communist Party;
8. Be recommended for the exemption by a participating institution that the applicant currently attends or will attend; and
9. Be selected by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for exemption.

### Award Amount

- Recipients are exempt from paying statutory tuition for 12 months at the start of the fall semester;
- Exemption from tuition is only for courses in which the institution receives formula funding (i.e., a course that does not depend solely on student tuition and fees to cover its costs).
- Student must apply each year by the deadline date, and recommended each year by the participating institution.
- Selection for the award is done by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

***Annual Application deadline is 5 p.m. on February 22, 2021.***



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## The Good Neighbor Scholarship (GNS) Program Application

### Student Information

Last Name (Surname)	<input type="text"/>
First Name	<input type="text"/>
Middle Name	<input type="text"/>
Telephone Number	<input type="text"/>
Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Student ID (J #)	<input type="text"/>

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Country of Birth	<input type="text"/>
Country of Citizenship	<input type="text"/>
Permanent Residence	<input type="text"/>

What is your current immigration status/visa category?

F-1 Student

J-1 Student

Other (Explain)

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How long have you lived in the Western Hemisphere? (*Except Cuba and the U.S.*)

Months

Years

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Are you a current student or recently admitted?

Current Student

Recent Admitted

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**Program Information**

Undergraduate Student

Graduate Student

Expected term of graduation (eg, Spring 2022):

**General**

Yes

No

Have you applied for US Permanent Resident Status?

Are you classified as a Texas resident for tuition purposes?

Do you have any relatives working for the Texas Higher Education

Coordinating Board?

Are you a member of a communist party?

Are you currently registered with the U.S. Selective Service ([www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov))?

No, I am a female

No. I entered the US after the age of 26

No. I am on a student visa and not required to register

Yes. My selective service registration number is:

**I certify the information provided in this application is true and correct. I certify I have read and understand the scholarship criteria, and required supporting documentation listed on the application. I further understand that the application and supporting documentation must be submitted to the Office of International Affairs by the February 22 deadline and incomplete considered.**

Signature

Date



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**Completed application, academic transcript, and immigration documents (passport, visa, Form I-20 & I-94) must be submitted to the Office of International Affairs by**

**February 22, 2021 - 5:00 p.m.**

*Questions?* Stop by the Office of International Affairs, Senator Frank Madla Building, Room 309

or

Contact us at (210) 784-1309/Email us at [international.affairs@tamusa.edu](mailto:international.affairs@tamusa.edu)



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