



PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

A Member of the Texas A&M University System

Memorandum

TO: University Students

FROM: *K. Michael Francois*
Director of Student Financial Aid & Scholarships

DATE: February 4, 2012

RE: Good Neighbor Scholarship Opportunity

In order to meet the qualification for this scholarship all of the following criteria must be met **CRITERIA:**

- **Be a non-resident from an eligible country;**
- **Be a native-born citizen and current resident of a nation of the Western Hemisphere other than Cuba or the United States;**
- **Intend to return to the eligible country upon completion of his/her program of study;**
- **Be admitted unconditionally at an eligible public institution in Texas; and,**
- **Maintain satisfactory academic progress.**

This scholarship is awarded on a first come, first serve basis.

The application can be found at: www.pvamu.edu/faid

Please remember the application DEADLINE: February 24, 2012

**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 or because They Are Not Independent Nations:

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)

Good Neighbor Scholarship

This state of Texas scholarship provides a complete waiver of tuition to eligible international students from countries in the Caribbean and North, Central, and South America. Scholarship winners must still pay all applicable university fees. Applicants compete with other international students from their home countries throughout the state of Texas for a limited number of awards that are given to a certain number of students from each country. Awards are based on academic merit. Competition is intense, and final award decisions are made by The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, not Prairie View A&M University.

Important Notice:

This scholarship program is constantly under review and could be discontinued at any time. You are urged not to rely on this award as a means to finance your studies.

Eligibility Criteria for Applicants:

1. Full time enrollment at Prairie View A&M University in a degree-seeking program.
2. Citizenship from any country in the Caribbean and North, Central, or South America, except the United States and Cuba, also must have been a resident of one of these nations for at least five years. If country of birth, citizenship, and resident status are not the same, the applicant must include a statement supporting the reason why he/she should be considered eligible.
3. Hold a non-immigrant visa (ex. F-1, J-1) and must plan to return to your home country upon the completion of your academic program.
4. Must be in good academic standing in the program in which you are currently enrolled. Undergraduates must have a minimum GPA of 2.0. Graduate students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0.
5. Must have completed at least one full academic semester at Prairie View A&M University, not including the current semester, in your current degree program.
6. May not be a member of the Communist Party.
7. May not receive in state tuition through any other benefit process (assistantship, scholarship), while holding a Good Neighbor Scholarship.

Application Process:

All applicants must submit two items: 1) a nomination letter, on departmental letterhead, from an academic advisor indicating the student's academic excellence in comparison to other students, and 2) a completed the application form (see back of this page). Some applicants will submit a third item, a written clarification, if country of birth, citizenship, and residence are not the same. All information must be typed. Submit these items February 24th, by 5:00 p.m. to the Office of Student Financial Aid & Scholarships.

Applications that are not typed, that are incomplete, or that are late will not be considered.

Good Neighbor Scholarship Application

Name: _____ PVAMU ID#: _____ Overall GPA: _____
Last (Family) First (Given)

E-mail address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

*Country of Birth: _____ *Country(ies) of Citizenship: _____

*Country of Residence: _____

If these three countries are not the same, you **must include a written explanation with your application about why you should be considered a citizen or resident of an eligible country. Without this statement and supporting evidence your application will not be considered.*

Classification: Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior ___ Master's ___ Ph.D. ___

What is the first semester you enrolled in this degree program at PVAMU? _____

Have you applied for immigrant status in the US? No ___ Yes ___ Visa Type: _____

How long have you lived in the Western Hemisphere (North, Central, or South America, or the Caribbean, excluding time spent in the United States)?

(months) (years)

Have you received the Good Neighbor Scholarship before? No ___ Yes ___ If you answered "Yes",
For what years/semesters and at what schools have you had it? _____
(Please note that students who have received this scholarship in previous semesters have a lower priority than those who have never received it before.)

When you complete your degree at PVAMU, do you plan to return to your home country?
No ___ Yes ___

Are you a member of the Communist Party? No ___ Yes ___

Do you have any relatives working for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board?
No ___ Yes ___

How did you find out about this scholarship? (Examples: friend, advisor, webpage or another source not listed here) _____

Student Certification

I certify that the above information is true and correct. I understand that my application will be ineligible if any of this information is found to be inaccurate or if my application is incomplete. My signature below is verification that I meet all eligibility criteria.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

"State law requires that you be informed of the following: (1) you are entitled to request to be informed about the information about yourself collected by use of this form (with a few exceptions as provided by law); (2) you are entitled to receive and review that information; and (3) you are entitled to have the information corrected at no charge to you."

Please submit this Good Neighbor Scholarship Application form, the nomination letter, and your written statement (required only if country of birth, residence and citizenship are not the same) to the Financial aid Office at the address above, by February 24th, 5:00 p.m.