

Oregon Consular Corps Scholarships For Students in International Studies Related Disciplines Information and Application Form – Fall 2023

What is the Oregon Consular Corps Scholarship Fund?

The Oregon Consular Corps Scholarship Fund is a 501(c)(3) Oregon nonprofit corporation established to provide scholarships for junior and senior students in international studies related disciplines at participating Oregon universities and colleges. Ten \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded to meritorious students at Lewis & Clark College, Oregon State University, Portland State University, University of Oregon and University of Portland. Scholarship funds are dispersed to the student's college account and may be applied to cover the cost of tuition and/or travel expenses associated with approved study abroad or international internship activities. Beyond annual scholarships, the goal of the fund is to build a fund to support scholarships into the future for an expanded student population. The principal sources of funding come from the annual Celebrate Trade gala sponsored by partners from state and local government and businesses, and from charitable gifts to the endowment. Contributions to the fund may be deductible.

For more info on the OCC Scholarship Fund:
Scholars — Oregon Consular Corps (orconsularcorps.org)

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Application Eligibility

- Currently enrolled in an international study/international affairs/global study or another related discipline major at one of the following participating Oregon universities: Lewis and Clark College, Oregon State University, Portland State University, University of Oregon, and University of Portland.
- Must be either a Junior or Senior in good academic standing
- Must have a cumulative GPA 3.0 or higher
- Must have full-time student status during the academic year of the award
- The scholarship will be used to help the recipients complete their degree with a major in an international study related discipline.

Note: Past recipients of the OCC Scholarship are not eligible to apply again.

Selection Criteria

Academic excellence, leadership capability, and community service are the primary criteria. The student must have a strong commitment to a career in an international study related field.

Required Application Materials to Submit

To apply, the following materials are required to be submitted by the deadline to the designated college/university scholarship coordinator.

- 1. A completed OCC Scholarship Application fillable form in Word format**
(included in this packet)
- 2. A current resume or CV**
- 3. A copy of a current, unofficial college transcript**, from Banner, WebAdvisor or other similar official college database tool
- 4. Two letters of references**

Deadlines for the 2023 – 2024 Year

September 1 – October 31: The universities will announce the opportunity to apply for the OCC scholarships to students in the international related disciplines.

October 31: This is the deadline for students to submit the OCC scholarship application form, resume/cv, and transcript to the college/university scholarship coordinator.

Students are also required to ask for two letters of references be sent directly to the college's scholarship coordinator by this date. At least one of the two references should be from an academic adviser or professor, preferably in the international related discipline. The second reference can be from another academic adviser or professor or an individual with specific knowledge of the student's work, study, or volunteer experience. References should not be related to the student.

Please note: Colleges may decide to extend this deadline as long as the college/university's designated coordinator have time to review and evaluate the application materials; select the finalists; and forward the finalists' complete application materials to the OCC Scholarship Committee Chair(s) for their consideration by November 15th.

November 15: This is the deadline for the college/university's designated coordinator to review and evaluate the application materials (including the two letters of references); select the finalists; and forward each finalist's complete application packet in a combined pdf document to the Scholarship Committee Chair(s) for their consideration. No fewer than 3 and no more than 5 finalists may be submitted by each college/university.

November 22: This is the deadline for the college/university to provide the OCC Scholarship Chair(s) the available dates and times slots the finalists are available for back-to-back 30-minute interviews with the OCC Scholarship Committee interview panel. We ask the colleges to provide their two choices for the dates/times to block.

Interviews will take place in person at the university campuses in Portland, unless the interviews are conducted on a virtual platform (generally because they are studying abroad). The college coordinators will arrange a space at a Portland campus for the interviews to accommodate the student applicants and up to 5 individuals on the interview panel; and arrange for the setup of equipment needed to conduct any of the interviews by Zoom. The scholarship chair will forward the zoom link directly to the students.

December 1 – December 15: Selected scholarship candidates will be interviewed by the OCC scholarship committee panel. Each interview will be approximately 25 minutes long, back-to-back on the half hour for each university. Each interview panel will be made up of three to five members of the OCC.

December 19: This is the deadline for the OCC Scholarship Committee Chair(s) to make the final decision and announce their selection of the scholarship recipients. In the announcement to the students, they will be asked to email 5 to 10 photos in jpeg format by January 31 showing: 1) the student enjoying their studies, experiences and/or travels and include short descriptions of each of these photos; and 2) a couple of photos being head shots from the shoulder up. These photos will be posted to the OCC website in January and shown at the Celebrate Trade gala in May.

January 31: This is the deadline for the selected scholars to submit individual photos as described above to the OCC Scholarship Committee Chair(s). These photos will be posted on the OCC website's scholars page and used in the video clip at the annual Celebrate Trade event that occurs on May 16, 2023.

January: The Treasurer of the OCC Scholarship Fund will mail checks to the college/university's Student Financial Services to be placed in the recipient's accounts.

February: The OCC Scholarship Reception will take at the University Club in downtown Portland in mid-February - date and time to be confirmed in the fall. The selected scholars will be invited to the event. If they are not available to attend this event (generally because they are studying abroad), they may be asked to submit a one-to-two-minute video to the OCC's videographer to be shown at the reception. More Information will be sent to the students in January. The scholars may invite one or two guests to join them at this event. The University Presidents, college coordinators and individuals who provided references for the students will also be invited to attend.

February 16: Students will be asked to schedule an online time in the following weeks with our professional video producer where he will ask some questions while recording the interview at the same time. Then, he will magically "stitch" together all the videos recorded, along with the individual photos the students submitted earlier to create a beautiful showcase to be shown at the gala and posted to our OCC website afterwards for them to see again and again and share with others. See last year's video on the OCC website: [Scholars — Oregon Consular Corps \(orconsularcorps.org\)](https://orconsularcorps.org)

May 16: Celebrate Trade Gala event is set for May 16, 2023 at the Portland Art Museum, honoring the scholars and businesses selected for their contributions to international trade and relations. Students and a plus one will be invited to attend the event as our guests. If students are not available to attend the gala (generally because they are studying abroad), they will still be a part of it virtually through a pre-recorded video. For more information: [Celebrate Trade — Oregon Consular Corps \(orconsularcorps.org\)](https://orconsularcorps.org)

OCC Scholarship Chairs' Contact Information

- Gale Blessing, Dean of the Oregon Consular Corps, at galeblessing@comcast.net
- Veikko Valli, Honorary Consul of Finland and Oregon Consular Corps Board Member, at veikko.valli@iki.fi

Oregon Consular Corps International Studies Scholarship

Student Application Form

DEADLINE: October 31, 2023

Please email this completed application to gsl@uoregon.edu

Student's General Information

First Name:

Middle Initial:

Last Name:

Preferred Name or Nickname:

College / University Affiliation:

Student ID:

Mailing Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code):

School Email Address:

Personal Email Address:

Telephone Number:

Student's Education Information

What is your cumulative GPA?

What year in college are you in?

What Month and Year do you expect to graduate?

What is your major?

What is your minor?

Student's Personal Statement

Respond to each the following six items. Response for each item should be single spaced, 12-point font size, and no more than one-half page (250 words):

1. **Why are you pursuing a degree in an international study related discipline?**
2. **What career plans are you considering after graduation?**
3. **What is your level of study and fluency in a foreign language or languages?**
4. **Describe your extracurricular activities such as leadership, volunteer experience, or community involvement during your college years starting with your current or most recent experience:**
5. **Describe your past international experiences or future plans to gain this experience.**
6. **Describe the obstacles you face in acquiring your degree in your international studies related discipline.**

References

Please ask your references to email their letters of recommendation to gsl@uoregon.edu

Two letters of recommendations are required to be submitted. At least one of the two references should be from an academic adviser or professor, preferably in the international related discipline. The second reference can be from another academic adviser or professor or an individual with specific knowledge of your work, study, or volunteer experience. References should not be related to you. It is the student's responsibility to reach out to their references and ask them to send signed letters of recommendation directly to your college/university scholarship coordinator by the application deadline. Please complete the following info on your references:

1. **Reference Name:**
Title:
Relationship to Applicant:
Telephone:
Email Address:
2. **Reference Name:**
Title:
Relationship to Applicant:
Telephone:
Email Address:

Verification

I meet the following requirements:

- I am a junior or senior (90+ quarter credit hours or 60+ semester hours) in good academic standing.
- I am currently majoring in an international study related discipline.
- I have maintained a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- I plan to maintain full time status during this academic year.
- I verify that all the information in my application materials is true and accurate.
- I meet the following additional requirements set by my individual college or university: *To be filled in by the university*

Electronic Signature of Applicant (Type Name):

Date of Applicant Signature: