



PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

A Member of the Texas A&M University System

MEMORANDUM

TO: University Students

FROM: Student Financial Aid and Scholarships

DATE: February 1, 2016

RE: Good Neighbor Scholarship Opportunity

The Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships will be accepting applications for the Good Neighbor Scholarship Program for those interested students who may qualify for the award. To be deemed eligible for consideration applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a non-resident of the United States of America;
- Be a native-born citizen and current resident of a nation located within the Western Hemisphere (excluding Cuba);
- Intend to return to the eligible country of residence upon completion of the elected program of study
- Be admitted unconditionally at an eligible public institution in within the state of Texas; and,
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress

This scholarship is awarded on a first come, first serve basis in accordance with eligibility.

Applications may be printed at: www.pvamu.edu/faid or picked up in The Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships.

The application deadline is March 1, 2016. No applications will be accepted after this date.



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Good Neighbor Scholarship

The Good Neighbor Scholarship is offered through a majority of the public institutions within the state of Texas. The scholarship provides a complete waiver for tuition (excluding fees) to eligible international students from countries located within the Caribbean and North, Central, and South America. Scholarship awardees are responsible, however, for all applicable university fees. Those who apply are entered into competition with other international students from their home countries also attending institutions throughout the state of Texas. A limited number of awards are made available to a select number of students from each eligible country. Awards are based upon academic merit. **The competition is intense and final award decisions are made by The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, not Prairie View A&M University.**

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 or North, Central, or South America, with the exception of Cuba and the United States, also must have been a resident of one of these nations for at least five years. If a country of birth, citizenship, and resident status are not the same, the applicant must include a statement supporting the reason why s/he should be considered for eligibility.
3. Hold a non-immigrant visa (example: F-1, J-1) and must plan to return to the home country upon completion of the 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.
6. May not be a member of the Communist Party.
7. May not receive in-state tuition through any other benefit (assistantship or scholarship), while holding a Good Neighbor Scholarship.

Application Process:

All applicants must submit two items: 1) A completed application form and 2) a nomination letter on departmental letterhead from an academic advisor indicating the student's academic excellence in comparison to other students. Some applicants may need to submit a third item; a written clarification, if country of birth, citizenship, and residence are not the same. All information must be typed. All required items must be submitted by March 1st no later than 5:00 p.m. to The Office of Student Financial Aid & Scholarships. **Applications that are not typed, submitted with all required documentation or that are turned in after the deadline will not be considered for review.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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



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2016-2017 Good Neighbor Scholarship Application

Name: _____ Student ID#: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____
(Last) Family First(Given)

E-Mail Address _____ Phone Number: _____
Mailing Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

*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 explaining why you should be considered a citizen or resident of an eligible country. Without this statement and supporting documentation your application will not be considered.*

Classification: ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior ☐ Graduate (Masters) ☐ Doctoral

What was the first semester you enrolled in a degree program at the University? _____

Have you applied for immigrant status in the United States? ☐ Yes ☐ No Visa Type _____

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

Have you received the Good Neighbor Scholarship before? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide the institutions(s) and semester(s) for which you were awarded.

Institution Name

Semester, Year

(Students who have received this scholarship previously have a lower priority status than those who have never received it before.)

When you complete your degree at Prairie View A&M University, do you plan to return to your home country? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a member or affiliated with a communist party? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you related to an employee of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board? ☐ Yes ☐ No

How did you learn about the Good Neighbor Scholarship? (Exp. Friend, Advisor, Webpage, any other source not listed)

Student Certification

I certify that the information provided is true and correct. I understand that my application will be deemed 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 of the eligibility criteria and understand the terms of the award.

Signature of Applicant _____ 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 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.



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PLEASE SUBMIT THE APPLICATION, NOMINATION LETTER, AND YOUR WRITTEN STATEMENT (IF NECESSARY) TO THE OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2015 BY 5:00 P.M.

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



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**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)