



## **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**

- 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 March 5, 2022.**

### **Office Of International Programs**

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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(CWID)	<input type="text"/>

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

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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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A&M-COMMERCE

### Program Information

Undergraduate Student

Graduate Student

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Expected term of graduation (e.g. Spring 2023):

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### 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?

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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:

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**I certify the information provided in this application is true and correct. I certify that I have read and understood the scholarship criteria, and required supporting documentation listed on the above application.**

**I further understand that the application and supporting documentation must be submitted to the Office of International Programs by March 5, 2022 and is considered as completed.**

Signature

Date

**Completed application, academic transcript, and immigration documents (passport, visa, Form I-20 & I-94) must be submitted to the Office of International Programs by March 5, 2022 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Questions or Concerns? Stop by the Office of International Programs, Ferguson Science Building, Room Number 221**

**Or Call us at (903) 468-5097.**

**Or**

**Email us at [intl.stu@tamuc.edu](mailto:intl.stu@tamuc.edu) .**

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