

University Of West Florida
Office of Diversity and International Education & Programs
Eligibility guidelines for Latin American & Caribbean Scholarships

1. Florida Statutes (s1009.21 10e) provide that Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) students who receive scholarships from the state or federal government shall be classified as “instate” for tuition purposes while they attend full-time a State of Florida institution of higher education.
2. Students from Latin America and the Caribbean (including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands) are eligible to receive Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) scholarships at UWF. In order to qualify, students must be fully admissible to UWF under existing criteria for undergraduate or graduate programs and meet other standards detailed below.
3. Criteria for the LAC scholarship awards, as well as the student selection process, will be the responsibility of the university department that awards the scholarship.

Full time status (12 hours per semester for undergraduates and 9 hours per semester for graduate students) is required. Full time summer is defined as registering for and attending 9 hours undergraduate or 6 hours graduate regardless of term. The award must be an established scholarship that is offered on the basis of existing policies and guidelines, and the selection process must be open and competitive. (Tuition waivers and graduate assistantships do not fulfill the definition of a scholarship.)

4. Applicants must submit the required application by the posted deadline date each semester: June 1st for Fall award starts; November 15th for Spring award starts; and April 1st for Summer awards if availability of funds is posted. Applications and deadline dates are available on the Office of Diversity and International Education and Programs website at <http://uwf.edu/internationaloffice/financialassistance.cfm>.
5. LAC scholarships are automatically renewed in fall and spring semesters for the duration of a student’s degree program as long as the student maintains academic eligibility. Currently the minimum award is \$250 per semester. Summer awards may be offered based on available funding.

6. Students must maintain eligibility (full time status and a grade point average as established by each awarding unit.) The Office of International Education & Programs requires that a student maintain a 2.75 overall grade point average in order to receive an LAC scholarship award from that office. Students should verify GPA requirements with other colleges and/or departments before making application. Graduate students who are enrolled for thesis or dissertation hours will retain eligibility for LAC scholarships even if they fall below the requisite full-time enrollment of 9 semester hours. Students who graduate and then enter a new degree program will not be awarded for a second degree program.
7. LAC students admitted to UWF as “out-of-state” for tuition purpose will subsequently be eligible to compete for LAC scholarships if they meet standards defined in this document.
8. Students who for any reason lose their LAC scholarships will revert to out-of-state tuition classification.
9. In the event that scholarship funds are given to the UWF Foundation by a partnering institution, UWF retains the right to select the students who will receive LAC scholarships, in consultation with the partner institutions. LAC scholarships may not be awarded to students who are related to a donor or to officials of an educational institution or foundation supporting the scholarship fund. This statement would be included in all agreements with partnering institutions.
10. Applications may be requested by mail or e-mail from Dr. Angela McCorvey, Interim Associate Vice President, University of West Florida, 11000 University Parkway, Pensacola, FL 32514. E-mail: amccorv0@uwf.edu.

Revised 07/21/08