

International Advocate Scholarship Guidelines

Pittsburg State University international students may apply for acceptance into a service organization known as International Advocates (IA). The purpose of the International Advocate program is to encourage students to be participants in the University's effort to promote internationalization on campus. The International Advocate Scholarship is worth \$1000, given in the form of a tuition waiver for the semester applied. The guidelines for the scholarship application are listed below:

1. Students will be required to perform at least **10 hours of service** during the semester. Service will primarily consist of assisting in the recruitment of students from their home countries, making presentations about their country and culture to various community groups or schools, assisting in specific programs of the Office of International Programs and Services, hosting new and prospective international students, and promoting PSU and the international programs we host.
2. IA members are required to join at least **one student organization** outside of the International Student Association or one of the other geographical or cultural international student groups.
3. IA members are required to assist with the **international student orientation** program during the semester of their scholarship. Orientation hours will not count toward the 10 semester service hours.
4. Application will consist of a **typed written proposal** of at least one page in length listing the activities in which the student expects to participate (as outlined in number one) or proposed activities and the benefit they expect to bring to the program and the University. Finalists may be interviewed with a selection committee.
5. Applicants must submit **2 letters of recommendation**. A PSU faculty member from whom you have taken a class should write at least one letter.
6. Applicants must have at least a **3.25 cumulative GPA** and have **completed at least one full semester** (not a summer term) of full-time study at the time of applying to qualify.
7. IA members will be chosen on the basis of the **service they are able to perform** and the diversity of countries represented.
8. IA members are required to attend a **training session** at the beginning of the semester of their scholarship conducted by the International Programs and Services Office (IPSO).
9. IA members must **reapply** each semester.
10. IA members who **do not fulfill their required commitments** will be **disqualified** from application for the following semester.
11. IA members who receive **less than satisfactory evaluations** on more than one assignment may be **disqualified** from participating the next semester.
12. Exchange students and full-time graduate assistants may not apply.