

Oregon Consular Corps International Studies Scholarship 2007-2008

The Oregon Consular Corps International Relations Scholarships are intended to assist highly qualified upper division students in Oregon public universities who are planning a career in international relations or affairs. Scholarship recipients will be honored at the Oregon Consular Corps annual dinner. Consul members of the Oregon Consular Corps (OCC) are committed to improved relations, communications, understanding, and trade between nations, peoples, and regions of the world. Oregon public universities are poorly funded and fewer young people in Oregon have the opportunity to pursue their educational and career dreams. Oregon Consular Corps members remember their own educational dreams and objectives and want more students in Oregon to have the opportunity to build a better world and better lives for themselves and for others.

Oregon has had Consular Services for over a century, with Consular representatives stationed in Portland, for the most part, having jurisdiction extending throughout the western United States from Portland. Oregon Consular Corps members represent Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Guatemala, Iceland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Korea, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Thailand, and the United Kingdom.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA & CONSIDERATIONS

Oregon Consular Corps Scholarship – Two scholarships of \$2500 each for PSU students majoring in International Studies. Student must be a citizen or legal permanent resident of the U.S.A.

Requirements:

- minimum of 8 credit hours INTL coursework completed prior to 11/02/07
- declared major (ISAF, ISEA, ISEE, ISLA, or ISME) prior to 10/31/07
- completed 90 total credit hours (junior class standing) prior to 12/31/07
- maintain full-time status during the 2007-08 academic year

To apply, please submit the following:

1. OCC application form (available from internationalstudies@pdx.edu)
2. Statement of Purpose: a personal statement, maximum three double-spaced, typed pages, answering:
 - a) Why are you pursuing a degree in International Studies?
 - b) What are your career plans?
 - c) What is your level of study or fluency in a foreign language or languages?
 - d) *Optional*: Your personal statement may include a description of your community service or international experience, if any; and a description of obstacles you face, if any, in acquiring a degree in International Studies.
3. Two letters of reference - At least one letter should be from a PSU faculty member with specific knowledge of your international study, international-related work experience, volunteer experience, or school work. *Please have your reference letters sent directly to the PSU address on the application form.*

Application Deadline: Friday, November 2, 2007

The winners will be announced in December, 2007

The scholarship will be awarded for Winter term, 2008