INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

I. Eligibility

a. Students will be considered eligible to apply if any of the following apply:
 i. He/ she is a future VSU undergraduate student who will be required to apply for an F-1 visa and maintain F

applicants as the lowest ranking. This method will be used if there are limited spaces available (number of spaces vs the number of applicants).

- i. Applicants ranking will be based on their academic achievements, local community engagement, and leadership experience/ potential.
- ii. any extra-curricular activities that would be considered an interschool/ intercollegiate athletics.
- iii. The rankings given by the members of the International Student will be added up for each applicant, and a spot on the waiver list will first be awarded to the applicant(s) with the lowest cumulative ranking, then the applicant(s) with the next lowest cumulative ranking, etc. An example is given on III.a.iv.
- iv. **Example:** There are 4 committee members who rank a total of 5 applicants for a certain semester.

	Committee	Committee	Committee	Committee	Ranking
	Member	Member	Member	Member	Total
	# 1	# 2	# 3	# 4	
Applicant 1	2	1	3	1	7
Applicant 2	4	5	2	3	14
Applicant 3	1	3	1	2	7
Applicant 4	5	2	5	5	17
Applicant 5	3	4	4	4	15

Based on the ranking total, first 2 available spaces go to Applicant 1 and Applicant 3, who have both gotten a total of 7, then Applicant 2 with 14, and so on.

IV. Waiver Renewal Requirements

- a. GPA Requirement
 - i. Students have to maintain at least a cumulative VSU GPA of 3.0 every semester.
- b. Service Activities
 - i. Students have to earn at least 25 community service hours each fall and spring semester.
 - ii. service hours can be the value an activity is given, instead of the number of hours spent on the number of approved service activities.
 - 1. Example: Sheet Painting for an Event can be valued at 5 service hours, while being an active participant for the Annual ng Committee can be valued at 20

service hours.

- iii. Service activities must promote global culture and diversity to the local VSU and Valdosta community.
- iv. Approved Service Activities
 - 1. International Student Orientation Week Events
 - a. Orientation Preparations
 - b. During Orientation
 - c. Welcome Cookouts
 - d Other Orientation Week Events

2. Cultural Hours

- a. Host a Cultural Hour A student will share information and a sample of the cuisine of either their country of citizenship, or another country that they know very well.
- b. Participant(s) in this activity is/ are awarded 10 hours.

3. International Education Week Events

- a. IEW events vary from year to year, there may be one or more events hosted in the fall semester
- b. Participants are awarded service hours depending on the events/ activities hosted each year and the events/ activities they participate in.

4. VSU Homecoming Activities

- a. Homecoming Parade Preparations and Participation in the Parade.
- b. Sidewalk Chalk participation in this event will depend on the availability of a willing and able student volunteer
- c. Other Homecoming Week Events

d. Participants are awarded service hours based on the activities they participate in.

5. Annual International Dinner Preparations and Event

- a. Active Participation in the committees: Cooking, Entertainment, Fundraising and Publicity
- b. Participants are awarded hours based on the activities/ committees they select. Participants in the Cooking and Entertainment Committee are typically awarded 20 hours, though this is subject to the circumstances.

6. Local School Visits

- a. Presenting at a classroom at partner school(s)
- b. The school visits must be cultural in some way, and must

2. Their efforts will also be recognized at the end of the semester via the International Student Listserv and the VSU Merit Pages.

V. Probation Status - Waiver

Probation status for the International Student Scholarship is not the same as being on academic probation.

Students will received a status report every semester regarding their International Student Scholarship.

a. Service Activity Requirement

- i. Students are put on this probation for failing to meet the required amount of service activities in a semester.
- ii. Students will have a chance to make up the unfulfilled service activity requirements the following semester, on top of the usual service activity requirements for that semester.
 - 1. Example: Student A only earns 5 service hours for the fall semester and is put on probation for the spring semester.

 Student A and will have to do at least 20 service hours in the spring semester to make up for the fall semester. If Student A does not meet the 45 service activities at the end of the spring semester, he/ she will not continue to get the waiver applied to his/ her account in the summer semester. If he/ she does meet the 45 service activities at the end of the spring semester, he/ she will be taken off probation.
 - 2. Example: Student B only does 15 hrs service activities for the spring semester, and is put on probation afterwards. Student B will have the summer and fall semester to earn that 10 service hours on top of the required minimum of 25 service hours.

b. GPA Requirement

- i. Students who get a cumulative GPA of less than 3.0 are automatically put on probation. (Again, separate from the academic probation that VSU puts students on).
- ii. Students will have to prove that they are trying to raise their grades to a 3.0, by doing the following:
 - 1. Get a 3.0 for their next semester GPA.
 - 2. Cumulative GPA should not decrease further from the GPA that got them put on probation.
 - a. Student C earns a 2.8 cumulative GPA for a semester.

 Student C should either maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or show progress towards of 3.0 cumulative GPA.

- iii. Students can be on probation for more than 1 semester for the GPA, if their cumulative GPA does not go lower. Again, progress and some proof that they are attempting to raise their GPA to the required minimum is important to see.
- VI. Grounds For Losing A Spot On The International Student Scholarship
 - a. If a student has not completed their required service activities, which includes the service activities they need to make up, after being put on a semester of probation. Students will be allowed to reapply for a spot on the International Student Scholarship after 1 semester, and will have their application reviewed by the International Student Scholarship committee again.
 - b. If a student does not meet their required service activity requirements for a second time after being put on probation, then getting back on good standing.
 - c. Students will be allowed to reapply for a spot on the International Student Scholarship after 1 semester, and will have their application reviewed by the International Student Scholarship committee again
 - d. If a student gets suspended from VSU, or arrested for breaking local and federal laws. Students will be allowed to reapply for a spot on the International Student Scholarship after 1 semester, and will have their application reviewed by the International Student Scholarship committee again
 - e. If a student fails to maintain their F-1 visa status (if on an F-1 visa), or any immigration status that they may have. Students will be allowed to reapply for a spot on the International Student Scholarship after 1 semester, and will have their application reviewed by the International Student Scholarship committee again.