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**Latin American Caribbean Scholarships
Guidelines**

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Background

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Section 1009.21 (10) (e), Florida Statutes, Determination of Residential Status for Tuition Purposes, allows for students from Latin American and Caribbean Countries who receive Federal or State Government Scholarship funds to be classified as Florida residents for tuition and fee purposes. The purpose of these guidelines is to establish the framework under which Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) can utilize this section of the residency statute to greater effect and increase the opportunities for international students from these countries.

Guidelines

It is FGCU's desire, to make available scholarships to international students from designated Latin American and Caribbean countries that would then allow FGCU to classify these recipients as special residents for tuition and fee purposes; in accordance with Section 1009.21 (10)(e) Florida Statutes.

Criteria for Awards

- Scholarships may be designated specifically for this program.
- Students may also qualify under this program if they are receiving any other institutional or foundation scholarships that meet these criteria.
- The criteria for student selection shall be based on merit, need or special talent (artistic, athletic or professional). The exact criteria for each award, as well as the student selection process, will be the responsibility of the sponsoring department.
- Students must be admitted to FGCU as either undergraduate or graduate degree seeking.
- Students must maintain full-time enrollment status, 12 hours for U/G and 9 hours for graduate students. Full time enrollment for the summer semester is defined as 9 hours U/G and 6 Hours Graduate. Graduate students completing thesis coursework may be registered for less than full-time hours.
- Students who are enrolled as distance learning only are not eligible for this program.
- Students must be approved to study in the United States with an F-1 Visa.
- The student must be a citizen or legal resident of one of the countries listed in appendix I.
- A sample scholarship application is available from Financial Aid.

Scholarship

- The scholarships must have a minimum amount of \$250 per semester for the student to qualify under these guidelines.
- Scholarships must be awarded for each and every semester in order for the student to qualify for in-state residency.
- Waivers and Assistantships will not satisfy the scholarship requirements under this policy.
- The award of the scholarships is to be open and competitive. The number of active scholarships in force during any one term will depend on scholarship funds available for each sponsoring department. Current students receiving the scholarship who meet the renewal criteria shall be awarded first with any remaining numbers to be allocated to new students.

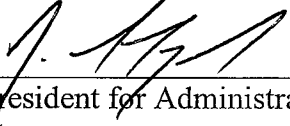
Renewal

- Students must maintain their full-time status for each term of award and must achieve the minimum GPA as stipulated in the award letter. Sponsoring departments will provide the exact renewal requirements.
- Students who graduate and subsequently enter a new degree program must re-apply for the scholarship.
- Students who lose their scholarship for any reason will revert to out-of-state resident for tuition purposes classification.

Award Process

- Each scholarship recipient will be sent a letter detailing the award and under which conditions it will be applied and renewed.
- The Office of Admissions, Office of Graduate Studies for new students, or the Office of the Registrar for current students will convert the recipient's residency classification to "T" special Florida Resident.

Approved:



Vice President for Administrative Services and Finance

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Date

Appendix 1

Students must be citizens of one the following listed countries:

<u>CARIBBEAN</u>	
Antigua & Barbuda	Haiti
Aruba	Jamaica
Bahamas	Martinique
Barbados	Puerto Rico
Cayman Islands	St. Kitts & Nevis
Cuba	St. Lucia
Dominica	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Dominican Republic	Trinidad & Tobago
Grenada	Turks & Caicos Islands
Guadeloupe	Virgin Islands

CENTRAL AMERICA

Belize
Costa Rica
El Salvador
Guatemala
Honduras
Mexico
Nicaragua
Panama

SOUTH AMERICA

Argentina	Guyana
Bolivia	Paraguay
Brazil	Peru
Chile	Suriname
Colombia	Uruguay
Ecuador	Venezuela
French Guiana	