ISTAT Scholarship Program FAQ

Who can apply for a scholarship?

Candidates are required to meet the following criteria:
- Completion of at least two years of undergraduate (bachelors) studies or currently enrolled in graduate (masters) or post graduate (doctoral) studies;
- Applicants must hold an academic ranking within the top 25% (75 - 100%) (United States Grade Point Average requirement: 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale);
- Need of financial support for university tuition-only fees;
- Enrolled in one of the following programs: aviation finance, aviation law, aeronautical engineering, aviation management, aeronautical science, aviation computer science, aviation maintenance, airport management, air traffic control, or related field -- flight students with an interest in aviation finance, law, engineering, etc. are welcome to apply
- Commitment to a career in aviation;
- Involvement in extra-curricular/community activities indicating leadership qualities

How can I apply for scholarship?

Applicants interested in applying for a scholarship are required to secure a nomination from the head of the aviation program at a qualified university. Once we receive the university’s nomination, the candidate will be provided a link to access the online application.

Application requirements:
- Student resume/CV
- Personal Statement - Essay Requirements: (1) reason(s) for applying, (2) career goals in the aviation industry, (3) activities demonstrating leadership abilities, (4) a description of financial need, and (5) your interest in joining the ISTAT community. Minimum of 500 words.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from employers or faculty members
- Copy of official academic transcripts from university
- Financial Aid section – completed by the applicant with authorization from a Financial Aid Officer at your institution.

How can your university become qualified to submit candidates for the scholarship program?

If your university has not previously participated in the ISTAT Foundation Scholarship Program, we ask that the head of the aviation program at the university contact us at istatscholarships@istat.org to state their interest in submitting a candidate to apply for the scholarship program.

How does my university submit a nomination?

Qualified universities are welcome to submit one candidate per year (unless requested otherwise). To submit a nomination, the head of the aviation program at the university should email the candidate’s name and degree title to istatscholarships@istat.org.

For qualified universities that have more than one aviation-related course/program, the university can submit one candidate per course/program.
When can I apply for a scholarship?

Universities are required to submit their nominations 1 March through 1 May. Candidates are to complete their applications during this time.

When is the application deadline?

The application deadline is 1 May. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted.

When will I be notified of the scholarship award?

Applicants will be notified of the status of their scholarship application at the beginning of July.

Can I reapply for an ISTAT Scholarship?

We do not accept applications from prior year scholarship recipients; however, we do accept applications from candidates that have previously applied and were not awarded a scholarship. Please note that in order to reapply, a nomination from the head of the aviation program at a qualified university is required.

Can my scholarship be used to cover flight training fees?

The scholarship may only be applied to a recipient’s qualified tuition and university charged expenses. No scholarship funds may be applied to other student costs including (without limitation): flight training, additional course fees, room & board, transportation, textbooks, travel or non-education related expenditures. Any scholarship funds that cannot be applied to qualified expenses must be returned by the institution to the ISTAT Foundation.

Additional questions?

Please contact us at istatscholarships@istat.org.