



University of NORTH ALABAMA

GLOBAL CULTURAL SHARING SCHOLARSHIPS (GCSS)

FOR INCOMING INTERNATIONAL FRESHMEN ENTERING UNA FOR THE FIRST TIME
FALL DEADLINE: JULY 1 • SPRING DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1

To help further promote global learning opportunities at UNA and attract diverse, talented international students, the Office of International Affairs has established this scholarship program. GCSS recipients qualify for Resident Tuition under Alabama law HB 424. This is a great savings in cost for international students. In addition, GCSS recipients receive a \$100 scholarship per semester. This scholarship is renewable based on the scholarship requirements but it cannot be combined with any other UNA scholarships.

	Credit Hours	Tuition	Fees	Total
★ Resident Tuition	12	\$2,928 per year	\$783 per year	\$3,711 per year
Non-Resident Tuition	12	\$5,856 per year	\$783 per year	\$6,639 per year

Scholarship Eligibility:

- All incoming international freshmen or transfer students less than 31 college transfer credits are eligible.
- Applicants must meet the following minimum criteria: ACT 22 or SAT 1020 (both scores exclude Writing), TOEFL 61 or IELTS 5.5, and GPA 3.0.

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Scholarship Requirements:

- Check-in with the Office of International Affairs (OIA) in Powers Hall upon arrival into the U.S.
- Completion of the mandatory orientation for GCSS recipients
- Attendance at monthly scholarship meetings the 4th Wednesday of each month at OIA
- Completion of two cultural-sharing activities approved* by OIA and submit the online *Global Cultural Sharing Activities Form* after each approved* event
- Live on campus for a minimum of one school year.

Approved Activities*:

Approved activities include but are not limited to the following: prepare and deliver a presentation about your home country and culture as part of UNA's Global Cultural Sharing Resources housed at the Office of International Affairs; serve as a guest speaker at a UNA academic class, a residence hall or a Student Organization event; visit a senior citizen center, a public school or other civic organization to share your home country information, music or talent; other self-designed cultural sharing activities approved by the Office of International Affairs.

Scholarship Renewal:

To renew the scholarship, GCSS recipients must be in good academic standing and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75, be in full compliance with SEVP regulations and have a satisfactory completion of OIA-approved* cultural sharing duties and activities.

Application Requirement and Deadline:

- Submit the *Global Cultural Sharing Scholarship Form* together with your UNA admission application material.
- Write an essay of 500 words describing the uniqueness of your culture and list specific aspects of your culture you would like to share.
- Application is due on July 1 for the fall semester and November 1 for the spring semester. No late applications will be accepted.

Download an application at www.una.edu/international/scholarships or contact:

Office of International Affairs

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