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Program Overview

Who is eligible to apply?

To be eligible for this scholarship program, applicants must:

- be a current student enrolled in an eligible program, including:
 - Veterinary medicine (DVM)
 - Medical school
 - Nursing programs (BSN, RN-BSN, MSN, or DNP)
- be enrolled and in good academic standing at an eligible institution
 - Eligible institutions for this scholarship include Chamberlain University, Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine, American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine
- meet a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher (*Note: Some scholarships may require a higher GPA*)
- have completed a minimum number of credit hours or be at an eligible stage in their program (*varies by scholarship; details will be considered during review*)
- be pursuing a degree aligned with healthcare or veterinary fields
- submit a completed application, including:
 - Required essay response
 - At least one recommendation
 - Academic transcripts
 - FAFSA Submission Summary

To view the full list of scholarships, including award amounts and eligibility requirements, please click [here](#).

When is the application deadline?

May 15, 2026 at 11:59 PM PST. Deadline may change based on fund availability. Apply early to ensure consideration.

What is the Program timeline?

- Application Open: April 15, 2026
- Application Deadline: May 15, 2026
- Recommendation Deadline: May 22, 2026
- Notification of Selection Results: July 2026
- Funds Disbursed: By August 2026

When is the recommendation deadline?

May 22, 2026 at 11:59 PM PST

Is this award renewable?

No, this is a one-time award.

Who administers this Program?

To ensure complete impartiality in the selection of recipients and to maintain a high level of professionalism and security, the program is administered by International Scholarship and Tuition Services, Inc. (ISTS), an independent company that specializes in managing sponsored educational assistance programs.

Award Details

What are the selection criteria?

An independent selection committee will evaluate the **Complete** applications and select recipients considering:

- Academic achievements and records
- Financial need
- Essay content
- Recommendation

Selection decisions are final and are not subject to appeal. No application feedback will be given.

What are the details of the award?

- Award amounts vary from \$1,000 to \$7,500. Scholarships are awarded annually and are not renewable.
- Students may reapply each year as long as they continue to meet the eligibility criteria—even if they have previously received a scholarship.
- Scholarships may be applied to tuition, fees, books, and supplies required for coursework at approved, accredited institutions. These institutions include: American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine, Chamberlain University, and Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine.
- Scholarships may not be applied to room and board and cannot be used to purchase a laptop if not required for all students attending the institution or course.

What are my responsibilities if I am chosen as a recipient?

You should notify ISTS should your funds not arrive within 30 days of the issue date. All scholarship funds will be sent directly to your institution. You will receive an email notification when and how your funds are issued.

How and when are funds issued?

- Funds will be issued by August.
- Funds will be sent directly to your school as an ACH payment on your behalf.
- If your institution will not accept an ACH payment, a check or wire will be issued made payable to the institution listed on your **Profile** page only. *Your scholarship check cannot be made payable to you, the applicant.*
- You will receive an email notification once your funds have been issued.

Application Details

Which school should I list on the application if I have not made a final decision?

Applicants must select the school they are currently attending or plan to attend from the following eligible institutions:

- American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine
- Chamberlain University
- Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine

Each scholarship may have specific school eligibility requirements, so applicants should not change the school listed on their application.

What are the differences between Official and Unofficial Transcripts?

Official transcripts must be obtained through your high school administration office, or your college registrar's office. Transcripts are normally printed on official letterhead and/or state that they are official. Transcripts may contain or require a signature.

*Note: Your official transcript may come to you in a sealed envelope, stating it will become unofficial if opened. When scanning or copying your official transcripts, a watermark may appear noting that they are now unofficial. **Despite any watermarks or sealed envelopes, you may open the envelope if needed to upload the document. These documents will be considered official for our purposes.** Acceptable file types are **.pdf, .png, and .jpeg**. When scanning or copying, you do not need to include a copy of the sealed envelope.*

Unofficial transcripts may be accessed through your school's online student portal. These pages must still be converted to one of the acceptable file formats. **Unofficial transcripts must contain your name.**

Should I submit all of my information before I request a recommendation?

You should request your recommendation as early as possible to ensure there is sufficient time for the recommendation to be submitted by the recommendation deadline. You do not have to wait until all other portions of your application are complete before requesting your recommendation.

What supporting documentation is required for this application?

- College/University Transcript
- 2026-27 FAFSA Submission Summary

Where and when should I send my supporting documents?

All required supporting documents must be uploaded to your online application by the application deadline. If you do not follow the upload instructions exactly, your application may remain incomplete. Documents that meet the criteria required for this application that are uploaded by the deadline will be processed and considered on time.

Notifications

How will I be notified about the status of my application?

Notifications are sent primarily via email to the email you used to create your account. Some programs offer text and voice notifications. **Ultimately, it is your responsibility as the applicant to verify your application status on your Home page is Completed.**

What notifications will be sent to me?

- **Deadline Reminders:** Deadline reminder emails typically begin 30-45 days prior to the application deadline.
- **Recommendation Deadline Reminder:** Individuals named as your recommenders in your application will receive a notification after the application deadline but prior to the recommendation deadline if your recommendation is still incomplete.
- **Selection Results:** Selection results notifications are sent to all **Complete** applicants.
- **Funds Disbursed:** Once your funds have been issued, you will be notified.
- **Other Scholarships:** Occasionally, if you meet the requirements for another scholarship administered by ISTS, you will be notified. These notifications are not guaranteed.

Your information is never sold to any third party for marketing purposes.

Who will notifications be sent from?

You will receive notifications from two possible ISTS email addresses: donotreply@applyISTS.com and ContactUs@applyISTS.com. You should add both of these email addresses to your “safe senders list” to ensure important emails are not sent to your spam or junk folder.

When will I receive notifications?

Notifications vary by program based on the Program timeline. Refer to the Program timeline listed above for more specific information. Typically, deadline reminder emails begin 30-45 days prior to the application deadline.

Can I opt out of notifications?

While you can opt out of notifications, this is not advised. It is your responsibility as the applicant to ensure your application is **Completed**. If you opt out of notifications, you will not receive deadline reminders, or selection results. **Your information is never sold to any third party.** The only emails you will receive from ISTS are directly related to your application and, *possibly*, other scholarship opportunities.

Document Upload

What should be visible on my documents?

All uploaded documents **must** show your name. If you are using an online portal to access your required documentation and all that is visible is the salutation and your first name (Example: Welcome Joe!), this will meet the name requirement.

What are the acceptable file types?

The only acceptable file types are **.pdf, .png, and .jpeg**. Any other formats will not be reviewed, and your application will remain incomplete. You may upload multiple files within a .zip file. All files within a .zip file must be in one of the acceptable file types listed above.

Why can't I upload a Word document?

ISTS does not accept any editable file format.

One of the documents I uploaded has a status of Rejected. What do I do now?

Review the reason your document was rejected. Once you have corrected that issue, upload a new copy of your document.

How do I upload more than one file at a time?

You may create a .zip file containing more than one file as long as everything included is in an acceptable file type of **.pdf, .png, and .jpeg**. Do not upload additional documentation that is not requested. It will not be reviewed.

How do I create a .zip file?

To use this format, follow the steps outlined below:

1. Create a new folder on your Desktop, name it the document type you will be uploading. For example, Transcript, or Financial Documentation.
2. Move all the files you wish to upload into the new folder.
3. Right-click on the folder from your Desktop:
 - a. PC Users: select "Send to," followed by "Compressed (zipped) folder."
 - b. Mac Users: select "Compress [folder name]."
4. Your new **.zip** file will be located on your Desktop, ready to upload.

How long does it take to process my uploaded documents?

Documents are processed daily. Your document will be processed within 1 business day. If your document was uploaded prior to the deadline, it will be considered. However, it is your responsibility to monitor your **Home page** to ensure your document is **Accepted**.

The deadline has passed and my documents are still Processing- what does that mean?

All documents must be reviewed for the required information and for accuracy. All documents uploaded prior to the application deadline will be reviewed and considered. It is your responsibility to monitor your **Home page** to ensure your document is **Accepted** and that your application status reads **Completed**.

What are the DOs and DON'Ts of uploading documents to my application?

DO:

- Upload one of the accepted file types.
- Only upload the requested and required documents.
- Black out any Social Security Numbers. *This is not required, but highly advised.*
- Return to your **Home page** to verify your documents have been **Accepted**.

DON'T:

- Upload a Microsoft[®] Word document (.doc, .docx) or any other format we don't accept.
- Upload more than the requested documentation.
- Assume your documents are correct and accepted once you have uploaded them.
- Upload a document stating you are mailing your documents.
- Assume the required document does not pertain to you. If the application states the document is required, your application **will** remain incomplete if you do not provide that document. Contact us if you are having trouble providing a required document.
- Password protect your uploaded documents. Password-protected documents will be rejected.
- Upload any file that has a viewing expiration date.

Other Important Information

Are scholarships taxable?

Tax laws vary by country. In the United States, scholarship funds used exclusively for the payment of tuition and textbooks are normally not taxable. The scholarship recipient is responsible for taxes, if any, that may be assessed against his or her scholarship award. We recommend consulting your tax adviser for more guidance. You may also consult IRS Publication 970 for additional information.

ISTS Student Support Hub

For more helpful information about scholarships plus answers to common inquiries related to ISTS' technology and processes, visit our Student Support Hub at [ISTSprogramsupport.com](https://istsprogramsupport.com).

Contact Information

ISTS office hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM Central Time, and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM Central Time. Program Support Representatives are available via live chat and email during these hours. Use the green **Help** button (as shown below) at the bottom right corner of your screen to contact us.



When contacting ISTS for assistance, please have your Application ID ready. You can find this in the top left corner of the program you applied to on your homepage.