

Graduate Student

ISSS Cultural Contribution In-State Tuition Scholarship

The ISSS Cultural Contribution In-state Tuition Scholarship (CCIS) is provided your first term of enrollment at MSU. If however, you are on a Graduate Assistantship or a talent grant through Athletics, Music, or the Theatre you will receive instate tuition through those programs. You do need to apply for the ISSS CCIS if you are unsure your current Graduate Assistantship or talent award will continue.

How to Maintain Your In-State Scholarship

- 1) Attend the required meeting about the In-State Tuition Scholarship during your first semester at MSU or if re-awarded after cancellation.
- 2) Earn 6 graduate or a combination of 9 graduate and undergraduate **letter grade** credits each semester (I,W,F,P &IP grades do not count as earned credits).
- 3) Earn a minimum 3.0 Grade Point Average each semester (or maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25)
- 4) Turn in your 25 Cultural Contribution Hours Form signed by the site supervisor and ISSS (if on-campus) by the last day of each semester.
- 5) Pay your tuition and fees by the published due date each semester.
- 6) Complete your degree within 2.5 years. Prior Approval is needed to retain the In-State Scholarship if you return from a one Semester absence. This is a **one-time only exception** and **does not extend the 2.5 year limit**.
- 7) Review the complete In-State Scholarship Brochure or consult with ISSS staff if you have questions or a unique situation such as: CPT, OPT, or Medical leave.

IF CANCELLED

The semester after cancellation will be at the “non-resident” tuition rate.

You must **re-apply** for the Scholarship during the next, full-time semester and meet GPA and Credit requirements in order to earn the Scholarship back for the following semester.

Example: If you lost the Scholarship after Spring Semester, you will pay “non-resident” Summer and Fall. During Fall, you should **re-apply** for the Scholarship, which would begin the following Spring Semester.

If, however, you attend MSU full-time during the Summer Semester, while paying non-resident tuition and **re-apply** during the Summer Semester, you could be awarded the Scholarship beginning Fall.