The #YouAreWelcomeHere scholarship recognizes international students who have a vision for enhancing intercultural understanding. Participating institutions will award annual, renewable scholarships covering a minimum of 50% non-resident tuition. The scholarship is open to first year international students admitted for undergraduate degree-seeking study at CSUSM. You must apply to California State University San Marcos – International Admissions and submit scholarship application by April 1st.

Eligibility Criteria

• Be a first-year international applicant applying to our university. An international applicant is an individual who holds citizenship in a country outside of the United States and requires a student visa to study in the United States and who does not also possess US citizenship or permanent residency.
• This scholarship is only for one major and no minors, course work covered in scholarship must count towards degree requirements.
• Attend (or have graduated from) a secondary school outside of the United States.
• Demonstrate interest and personal initiative in activities involving intercultural learning and exchange.
• Complete a scholarship application (a 500-1000 word essay or 2-5 minute video) – use form below describing your aspirations to conduct projects, research, employment, or other experiences that will advance intercultural learning.

Application Process

1. Apply for admission to CSUSM
2. Submit the one-page #YouAreWelcomeHere application to your chosen colleges/universities by April 1 of each year.
3. If awarded a scholarship, claim it by submitting an enrollment deposit to CSUSM by May 1 of each year.

Scholarship Maintenance

• Scholarship can be renewed for up to 4 years (Fall and Spring semesters only).
• Participate in at least 10 hours of cultural sharing and engagement with the local or campus community.
• Maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0
• Enroll and successfully complete a minimum of 12 credits per semester

Deadlines

• University application submission: April 1 of each year
• Submit scholarship application: April 1 of each year
• Enrollment Deposit: May 1 of each year

Note: Students applying for January entry may be considered for scholarship IF funds are available. Please contact us at intap@csusm.edu or visit us at csusm.edu/global/admissions for official deadlines for January entry.

Website

For more information on the #YouAreWelcomeHere Scholarship, visit youarewelcomehereusa.org/scholarship.
Application (Please print clearly in ink or type responses)

1 Legal Name: ____________________________  ____________________________  ____________________________
     Last (family)  First (given)  Middle (if none, indicate none)

2 Mailing Address:

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City  Province or state  Postal or zip code  Country

3 Email: ____________________________  4 Telephone: _______________

5 Country of Citizenship: ______

6 Academic Major: ______

7 Date of Birth: __________________
     Month  Day  Year

8 Personal Statement (required)

Please respond to the following question in the form of a 500-1000 word written essay or a 2-5 minute video. Essays may be written in the space provided, or you may attach your response to this application. Videos should be submitted directly to each school for which you apply for a scholarship.

In looking forward to your future education and career, what significant activity, research, work or project do you hope to undertake in support of intercultural learning and bridging cultural divides? Please describe your ideas in detail.

□ I agree that my name, country of origin, academic major, photo and essay may be shared publicly in promotion of #YouAreWelcomeHere if I am selected for an award.

________________________________________  ____________________________________________  Date

Applicant’s Signature