Dear International Cultural Service Program Scholarship Applicant:

A select number of academically meritorious foreign students who have a demonstrated financial need, speak English clearly, and are prepared to share information about their country and culture serve on the International Cultural Service Program (ICSP) at Oregon State University. Students receive a partial tuition remission scholarship in exchange for discussing daily life; speaking on issues of development; giving presentations; sharing music, handcrafts, and folk stories; and translating foreign languages. Students address groups of all ages but often visit elementary, middle, and high schools. The service requirement is eighty hours per academic year or twenty-seven hours per term.

Because the ICSP is the only financial assistance at OSU available for most international undergraduates, they will be given priority consideration. Graduate students may apply for assistantships directly to the department of their major field of study, but cannot be on the ICSP and have an assistantship at the same time. If a graduate student does receive an assistantship, they will not be considered for the ICSP at a future date.

Please fill out the ICSP application carefully. Include a list of the topics that you can discuss about your country and culture (location, language, religion, history, family life, education, changing traditions, etc.); indicate whether you have Power Point, music, handcrafts, artwork, games, stamps, coins or other materials, and describe what you can teach or demonstrate to an audience. Applications require 2 professional letters of reference, from academic supervisors and/or employers. ICSP applications and letters of recommendation must be completed and received no later than March 2nd. Selection of students is made only in the spring for the next academic year, so students who submit late applications may not receive consideration.

In order to be given primary consideration for the scholarship, ICSP applicants should also apply formally to OSU Admission & Orientation by February 13th - submitting the OSU application, an official TOEFL score, and completed financial certification. If your application to OSU has not been received by March 2nd, you will not be considered for the ICSP. When applying to the ICSP, students must have adequate funds for tuition, fees, health insurance, books, room and board, and other living expenses. The 2009-2010 international student budget requires approximately $30,950 for undergraduate students and $29,205 for graduate students. An ICSP tuition award (approximately $10,500 per academic year) would reduce the required total. Bringing a family will increase these figures. 2008-09 tuition is $16,725 for undergraduates and $14,805 for graduate students, and the tuition amount for 2009-10 is expected to increase.

If you have questions or need more information, please plan to attend an information session in Fall or Winter terms (contact 541-737-3600 for dates and times). Out of country candidates can email Edwin.safo-kwakye@oregonstate.edu for questions about the scholarship. Remember that you must be admitted to OSU (financial and academic approval and a TOEFL score of 550) before you can be admitted into the International Cultural Service Program. Because the application process to the University takes considerable time, you should plan to submit your application to the OSU Admissions office prior to submitting your ICSP application.

For detailed information about applying to OSU and our community: http://oregonstate.edu/admissions/international.html

Sincerely,

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