ISTAT Scholarship Program FAQ

Who can apply for a scholarship?

Candidates are required to meet the following criteria:

- Completion of at least two years of undergraduate (bachelors) studies or be enrolled in graduate (masters) or post graduate (doctoral) studies;
- Students must hold an academic ranking within the top 25% (75 - 100%) (United States Grade Point Average requirement: 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale);
- Need of financial support for university tuition-only fees;
- Enrolled in one of the following programs: aviation finance, aviation law, aeronautical engineering, aviation management, aeronautical science, aviation computer science, aviation maintenance, airport management, air traffic control, or related field -- flight students with an interest in aviation finance, law, engineering, etc. are welcome to apply
- Commitment to a career in aviation;
- Involvement in extra-curricular/community activities indicating leadership qualities

How can I apply for scholarship?

Students interested in applying for a scholarship are required to secure a nomination from the head of the aviation program at a qualified university. Once we receive the university’s nomination, the student will be provided a link to access the online application.

Application requirements:

- Student resume/CV
- Personal Statement - Essay Requirements: (1) reason(s) for applying, (2) career goals in the aviation industry, (3) activities demonstrating leadership abilities, (4) a description of financial need, and (5) your interest in joining the ISTAT community. Minimum of 500 words.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from employers or faculty members
- Copy of official academic transcripts from university
- Financial Aid section – completed by the student with authorization from a Financial Aid Officer at your institution.

How does my university submit a nomination?

Qualified universities are welcome to submit one candidate per year (unless requested otherwise). To submit a nomination, the head of the aviation program at the university should email student’s name and degree title to istatscholarships@istat.org.
For qualified universities that have more than one aviation-related course/program, the university can submit one candidate per course/program.

**When can I apply for a scholarship?**

Universities are required to submit their nominations 1 March through 1 May. Students are to complete their applications during this time.

**When is the application deadline?**

The application deadline is 1 May. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted.

**When will I be notified of the scholarship award?**

Applicants will be notified of the status of their scholarship application at the beginning of July.

**How do I know if my university is a qualified university?**

*For a list of qualified universities and their point of contact, please visit: [www.istat.org/scholarships](http://www.istat.org/scholarships).*

If your university is not listed as a qualified university, we ask that the head of the aviation program at the university contact us at istatscholarships@istat.org.

**Can I reapply for an ISTAT Scholarship?**

We do not accept applications from students that have already been awarded an ISTAT Scholarship (unless informed otherwise); however, we do accept applications from students that have previously applied and were not awarded a scholarship. Please note that in order to reapply, a nomination from the head of the aviation program at a qualified university is required.

**Can my scholarship be used to cover flight training fees?**

The scholarship may only be applied to a student’s qualified tuition and university charged expenses. No scholarship funds may be applied to other student costs including (without limitation): flight training, additional course fees, room & board, transportation, textbooks, travel or non-education related expenditures. Any scholarship funds that cannot be applied to qualified expenses must be returned by the institution to the ISTAT Foundation.

**Additional questions?**

Please contact your university’s ISTAT Ambassador. The contact list of ISTAT Ambassadors can be found at [www.istat.org/scholarships](http://www.istat.org/scholarships).

If your university is not listed, please contact us at istatscholarships@istat.org.