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OAS – JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY

2017 Scholarship Opportunity for Citizens of OAS Member States



Scholarship Application Deadline
Spring 2018 - November 15, 2017

The General Secretariat of the [Organization of American States](#) (GS/OAS), through the OAS Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC) of the Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE), and [Jackson State University](#) (JSU), are offering thirty-four (34) partial scholarships to qualified candidates of the Americas to participate in its undergraduate programs.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

PROGRAMS:	Undergraduate Degree programs as listed in Annex I below
MODALITY:	Onsite in Mississippi, United States
LANGUAGE:	English
DURATION:	2 - 4 years
CALENDAR:	The university's admission deadline November 1, 2017 for classes beginning January (Spring) 2018
BENEFITS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The University shall charge in-state tuition fee per year for the duration of the program of study. • The OAS shall provide a one-time tuition allowance of USD \$4,000 during the first year of studies at the University to the top 10 students.

▼ ABOUT THE PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

The OAS General Secretariat (GS/OAS) is the central and permanent organ of the [Organization of American States](#) (OAS). Through its Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE), GS/OAS supports [OAS member States](#) in creating policies and executing programs that promote human capacity development at all educational levels. By enabling formative opportunities to citizens, DHDEE strengthens democratic values and security under the framework of regional integration. DHDEE does this: (i) by supporting the efforts of OAS member states to improve the quality of and equity in education; and (ii) by assisting the citizens of the Americas in realizing their full potential by giving them access to knowledge and skills through training that improves the standard of living for individuals, families and communities in the region.

[Jackson State University](#) (JSU) is a diverse, technologically-advanced four-year university steeped in history and committed to preparing its students to become global leaders. JSU provides a caring, nurturing environment in which to challenge students to improve themselves and serve others. Designated as a high research activity university, Jackson State continues to enhance the state, nation and world through comprehensive economic development, healthcare, technological and educational initiatives.

▼ ABOUT THE PROGRAM

1. Applicants are encouraged to contact the JSU for more information, please go to the JSU's website: <http://www.jsums.edu/global/>
2. Before applying for admission at the university, students are encouraged to read the program description, and ensure that the study area fulfills their expectations and interests. Please visit: <http://www.jsums.edu/admissions/> to understand admission requirements to the programs of study.
3. Applicants can contact Ms. Shameka Reed at shameka.reed@jsums.edu for more information about the university's admission process and program details.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

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- ✓ Scholarship benefits are subject to the academic performance of the scholarship recipient and based on the availability of funds. In order to receive these benefits, the scholarship recipient should not be reported with an unsatisfactory academic performance due to absences or failing courses.
- ✓ The scholarship benefit to be provided by the OAS will only be applied to the first year of the scholarship period at Jackson State University. The remaining tuition and fees to be paid to the University will be higher in year two and beyond of the scholarship period / Program of study.

▼ EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY THIS SCHOLARSHIP

Expenses not covered by the scholarship, and which are the sole responsibility of the scholarship recipients, are:

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FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊗ Remaining tuition and/or school fees ⊗ Immigration fees; ⊗ Research expenses; ⊗ Study materials; ⊗ Living expenses; ⊗ Round trip airfare; and ⊗ Any additional fees not included in the OAS-JSU Scholarship offer.

- ✓ The tuition discount from the University shall be spread across the Spring 2018 and Fall 2018 semesters only and is based on the 2017/2018 year, which is expected to increase each year as tuition increases.
- ✓ The scholarship recipients will be responsible for payment of the remaining tuition fees and any other costs as needed to JSU.
- ✓ Applicants can also apply for the [Rowe Fund](#) which is an educational loan program of the OAS that helps citizens from Latin America and the Caribbean to finance their studies in accredited universities across the United States.

▼ ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for this scholarship opportunity, an applicant must:

- Provide an unconditional admission letter to Jackson State University
 - *This scholarship opportunity is open to current students from OAS member states at the University and new applicants who wish to begin in Spring (January) 2018 at Jackson State University.*
- Submit a complete scholarship application with all required supporting documents
- Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of any [OAS member state](#), except the *United States*.

The following applicants are ineligible:

- ⊗ Current OAS scholarship holders
- ⊗ GS/OAS staff and their immediate relatives or GS/OAS consultants
- ⊗ OAS Permanent officials and their immediate relatives.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA

- ✓ The merits and overall credentials of the candidate, including his/her academic and professional background;
- ✓ Geographical distribution of the applicants, taking into account the greater needs of the smaller and relatively less developed economies;
- ✓ Applicants whose essays portray the highest potential for impact upon return to their countries of origin; and
- ✓ Gender diversity.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

Step 1 > Gather required supporting documents

To apply for an OAS – JSU scholarship, the candidate must fill out the OAS online application form and attach the following required supporting documentation:

1. ID – scan or photo of [passport page](#) that contains the applicant’s full name, date of birth, and country of citizenship.
2. Admission letter – unconditional admission letter from Jackson State University.
 - ✓ In addition to the unconditional admission letter from the Jackson State University, current students from OAS member states at the University should include a signed note from their academic advisors which indicate their academic status at the University.
3. [Transcript](#) or record of grades – copy of High School transcript or Associate’s degree transcript or transcript from current institution. Transcripts must be translated by a sworn translator if English is not the original language of the transcript.
4. Certificate or Diploma – copy of high school certificate or Associate’s degree diploma or letter of enrollment from current institution
5. 2 Recommendation Letters – one of the [recommendation letters](#) should be provided by a university professor and the other should be provided by current or most recent employer that includes: the letterhead of the University/Institution, the Professor’s/Employer’s position within the University/Institution, date and signature.
 - ✓ Applicants with no work experience may substitute the recommendation letter from the employer with a recommendation letter from a second professor.
6. Essays – applicants are required to write and include two (2) essays as part of the OAS-JSU online scholarship application form and must be written in English. Both essays should be no longer than 2 pages.

Essay No. 1

Describe how acquiring this academic degree will directly impact and enhance your professional skills in your current job position or future career.

Essay No. 2

Explain how you intend to apply the acquired knowledge and experience in the specific field of study that you will pursue to the development of your country or region.

7. Curriculum vitae – in English and no specific format is required. Do not include copies of diplomas, certificates or awards; only include text.
8. Proof of English Proficiency, if applicable – students whose native language is not English will be required to submit one of the following as proof of English proficiency:
 - ✓ A copy of an official transcript verifying completion of studies in an English speaking university in the last five years;
 - ✓ A test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a score of 570 or higher for the paper based test, 230 for computer-based test, or an internet-based TOEFL (IBT) score of at least 89;
 - ✓ IELTS 6.5, or the equivalent
9. Proof of Additional Funds – proof that you have **sufficient funds** to cover remaining tuition and fees and other costs not covered by the scholarship by including **one, or a combination**, of the following documents with your scholarship application:
 - a copy of a rental agreement on property showing you as the property owner;
 - a copy of a bank statement or bank letter;
 - a letter from an employer showing a monthly or yearly salary;
 - a letter showing a student loan or additional scholarship(s), grants, financial aid.

NOTES:

- ✓ All documents must be in English or officially translated to English by a certified translator.
- ✓ The date stated on the TOEFL or IELTS certificate must be within two years of your proposed start date.
- ✓ Applicants can also apply for the [Rowe Fund](#) which is an educational loan program of the OAS that helps citizens from Latin America and the Caribbean to finance their studies in accredited universities across the US by awarding **interest-free loans** of up to US\$15,000 dollars.
- ✓ Applicants can also apply for the Jackson State University [Development Scholarship](#), which provides awards to students based on academic merit or financial need; or other specified criteria.
- ✓ The recommendation letters provided for admission consideration to the University can also be used for the OAS scholarship consideration. However, if you choose to provide new recommendation letters directly to the OAS, the letters should be addressed to the OAS Scholarship and Training Programs, Department of Human Development, Education and Employment.

Step 2 > Apply online

Applicants must complete and submit the OAS-JSU Online scholarship Application Form, and upload all the required supporting documents listed above and both essays in one (1) single PDF file (no larger than 5MB). If the file is larger than 5MB, you will be unable to submit the online scholarship application form. The application system does not allow for more than one document to be uploaded. Do not include any additional documents besides those indicated above.

[Click here for the Online Scholarship Application Form](#)

ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

▼ SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS:

Selection Committee Jackson State University and the OAS will select the scholarship awardees, based on the [criteria](#) listed above.

Notification of selected candidates The OAS will contact selected candidates by email with the scholarship offer and instructions for the scholarship acceptance. Applicants who are not selected will not be contacted.

Publication of Scholarship Results The names of the scholarship recipients will be published in November 2017 on the OAS Scholarship website at www.oas.org/scholarships.

▼ DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:

- ✓ The scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected awardees have signed an OAS/JSU Acceptance Form, in which the awardees formally accept the scholarship and agree to its terms and conditions.
- ✓ Refrain from activities that are inconsistent with the status of an OAS Scholarship recipient, abiding by the regulations referred to in the Acceptance Form.
- ✓ Comply with all the academic guidelines and admission requirements requested by JSU and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at JSU.
- ✓ Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of awardees."
- ✓ To retain the scholarship, Scholarship recipients should not have low academic performance (GPA must be at least equivalent to 2.0/4.0), due to absence from the program and/or course failure.
- ✓ The scholarship can be declined by the scholarship recipient before the start date of the program without financial penalties. However, if s/he declines the scholarship after that date without proof of force majeure, the OAS and JSU may require the Scholarship recipient to reimburse all funding granted to her/him with the scholarship at the time in which the declination is processed.
- ✓ Commitment to return to work in their sponsoring country or legal residence in one of the OAS member states, or at an international organization, for at least the length of the duration of the scholarship. Failure to comply with this commitment, the GS/OAS and/or the JSU could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

▼ SCHOLARSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION:

Questions about this scholarship opportunity should be sent to scholarships@oas.org with the subject "OAS-Jackson State University Scholarship Program"

▼ FOR MORE INFORMATION:



www.oas.org/scholarships



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ANNEX I:

List of Undergraduate Programs Covered by the OAS/JSU Scholarship Program

1. Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting, Entrepreneurship, Business Administration, Economics, Finance, Management, Marketing
2. Bachelor of Science in Social Science
3. Bachelor of Science in Ethnic Studies
4. Bachelor of Science in Educational Technology
5. Bachelor of Science in Child Care and Family Education
6. Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education Pre-Kindergarten -K (Licensure Track)
7. Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education K-3 and K-6
8. Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education (concentrations in Physical and Health Education Therapeutic Recreation and Recreation Administration)
9. Special Education Teaching (B.S.)
10. Special Education: Disabilities Studies (Non-Teaching, B.S.)
11. Bachelor of Science in Professional Interdisciplinary Studies
12. Bachelor of Music Education (BME)
13. Bachelor of Music degrees
14. Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in History
15. Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in History
16. Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Political Science
17. Bachelor of Science – Psychology
18. Bachelor of Science – Criminal Justice
19. Bachelor of Arts – Sociology
20. Bachelor of Arts – English
21. Bachelor of Arts – Foreign Language
22. Bachelor of Arts – Speech
23. Bachelor of Arts – Theatre
24. Bachelor of Social Work
25. Bachelor of Science in Communicative Disorders
26. Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies
27. Bachelor of Science – Civil Engineering
28. Bachelor of Science – Environmental Engineering
29. Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering
30. Bachelor of Science in Telecommunications Engineering
31. Bachelor of Science – Computer Science
32. Bachelor of Science – Concentrations in Biomedical Science, Environmental Science, or Forensic Science
33. Bachelor of Science – Biology
34. Bachelor of Science – environmental science and marine science
35. Bachelor of Science (B.S.) – Mathematics
36. Bachelor of Science – Education (B.S. Ed)
37. Bachelor of Science – Physics
38. Bachelor of Science – Meteorology
39. Bachelor of Science – Industrial Technology with concentrations: Electronics Systems Technology, Technology Management, Manufacturing Design, and Computer Technology
40. Bachelor of Science — Integrated Marketing
41. Bachelor of Science –Multimedia Journalism
42. Bachelor of Science –Media Production
43. Bachelor of Science — Healthcare Administration
44. Bachelor of Science — Communicative Disorders