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Academic Scholarships Program (Regular Program)

Purpose

The OAS Academic Scholarships Program, hereinafter referred to as the Regular Program, is intended to support the completion of advanced university degrees and foster intercultural exchange for an equitable number of outstanding candidates from each OAS Member State each year. The program grants scholarships for study towards Master's Degrees, Doctoral Degrees and Research that leads to a degree. Scholarships are granted for study in fields related the [areas of priority identified in the Strategic Plan for Partnership for Development](#) of the Permanent Executive Committee of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development.

Announcement

The application period opens once per year and generally stays open from December to March (Contact your National Liaison Office for specific deadlines).

Selection Process

The selection process involves two phases. The first phase of evaluation takes place through a National Selection Commission in each Member State which selects and ranks no more than ten candidates and then forwards the applications of these candidates to the General Secretariat of the OAS. The OAS performs the second phase of evaluation which culminates in the meeting of the Academic and Technical Studies Scholarship Selection Committee composed of internationally respected experts and authorities from the OAS Member States chosen by the Secretary General.

Benefits

Scholarships are tenable for a maximum of two years and are used to cover a portion of tuition, materials, living expenses, health insurance coverage, and international travel to a maximum of 30,000 US per year.

Restrictions

This program requires beneficiaries to study outside of their country of citizenship or permanent residence and to return to their home country after the completion of their studies to apply what they have learned for a minimum of two years.

What is an 'OAS-Placed' scholarship?

OAS-Placed is one of two placement types for the Regular Program. Applicants should select 'OAS-Placed' as their placement type on their application if they have not secured enrolment in a university and/or are open to being placed by the OAS in one of the 130+ universities that are part of the OAS Consortium of Universities. OAS policy requires that no less than two thirds of all Regular Program Scholarships be granted to candidates who select the 'OAS-Placed' placement type. This type of placement mechanism allows the OAS to guide selected candidates through the application processes of foreign universities and help them to find the best institution to fit their profile.

What is a 'Self-Placed' scholarship?

Self-Placed is one of two placement types for the Regular Program. This placement type is for candidates that wish to attend one specific institution and program and who will apply and secure admission to their program without direct OAS support. Self-Placed scholarships are granted in more limited numbers than the OAS-Placed placement type.

What are PRA scholarships, Regular Program scholarships, and Traditional Program scholarships?

These three titles all refer to the same program which is now known officially as the OAS Academic Scholarships Program. The acronym PRA comes from one of the earliest titles of the program in Spanish - *Programa Regular de Adiestramiento* - dating back to the 1960s. The terms Regular Program and Traditional Program are two commonly used short titles that also refer to the same program.

How long does the application/selection process last?

The Regular Program application process begins one full year prior to the earliest date at which point funding can begin for selected applicants. Typically, the application process opens in December or January and closes in March (consult your National Liaison Office (ONE) for specific deadlines which vary from country to country). Final selection and notification of awards does not take place until the following November or December, once the OAS program budget for the coming year has been finalized.

What is the Academic Scholarship Program 'Cycle'?

Because the OAS Academic Scholarship Program operates on a yearly basis, the term Cycle is used to distinguish between the different groups of beneficiaries that are awarded scholarships each year. The years that precede the word 'Cycle' refer to the period in which the potential scholarship recipients are to begin their OAS-funded studies. For example, the 2011-2012 Cycle refers to the group of beneficiaries that applied in early 2010, learned of their award by late 2010 and will begin their studies in the 2011 calendar year.

If I am awarded this type of scholarship, when will my funding begin?

Regular Program funding can begin on the first day of the calendar year of your Cycle. For instance, if you apply for the 2012-2013 Academic Scholarship Cycle which corresponds to the application period of roughly December 2010 to March 2011, your funding will be able to begin between January 2012 and December 2012.

Am I guaranteed to receive \$30,000US per year if I am awarded an OAS Academic Scholarship?

No. The \$30,000 US is the maximum available funding for any OAS Regular Program beneficiary but OAS policy dictates that there are fixed dollar limits on how much funding can be dispersed for all specific benefits (such as subsistence, study materials, etc).

Can I use this scholarship for a degree program offered by an institution in my country of citizenship or permanent residence (sponsor country)?

No. The Regular Program requires beneficiaries to study towards degrees to be issued by institutions outside of their sponsor country.

Can I use this scholarship to study in a country that is not an OAS Member State?

No. The Regular Program only supports studies in universities and higher education institutions in the OAS Member States. The OAS frequently offers scholarships for study outside of the region through its Partnerships Program for Education and Training, please check the listings on our webpage for more information.

Can I stay in my country if pursue an online degree program?

Yes. Those who are admitted to an online degree program are expected to pursue their studies in their sponsor country but will not be eligible for the partial subsistence that is received by beneficiaries who study in onsite programs abroad.

If my online degree program involves brief onsite sessions abroad, will the scholarship cover this expense?

The OAS will in most cases cover the cost of international travel and provide a small stipend to help defray the costs of up to two trips per year in cases where these trips are a mandatory part of the online degree program curriculum.

What fields of study does the Regular Program support?

This program supports the human capacity-building efforts of the OAS Member States in the areas of action and priorities established in the [Strategic Plan for Partnership for Development](#) of the Permanent Executive Committee of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development. As part of the application process, all applicants are asked to link their desired field and topic of study with specific priorities and areas of action defined in the Strategic Plan.

What fields of study are not supported by the Regular Program?

This program does not allow for scholarships to be granted for study in either the medical sciences or for introductory language studies.

Can I use an Regular Program scholarship to conduct research?

Yes. Candidates applying for the OAS Academic Scholarship Program to fund their research are eligible so long as the research is a requirement for the achievement of a degree.

If I want to use Regular Program Scholarship to pursue research towards a degree, what benefits might this include?

The OAS will evaluate each candidate's application, research plan and research budget carefully to establish the financing that he or she will receive. It is recommended that applicants present a detailed budget with possible start and end dates for their research plan. Please keep in mind that the maximum amount for Regular Program scholarships may not exceed \$30,000US per academic year.

Can I conduct research in my country of citizenship or permanent residence (sponsor country)?

For a beneficiary to be eligible to receive Regular Program funding for research taking place in his or her sponsor country, this research must be a degree requirement for a program being offered by a university outside of the sponsor country in another OAS Member State.

What if the ONE requests application requirements that are additional to those required by the OAS?

Sometimes the ONE will set requirements additional to those required by the OAS. In these cases the ONE's requests must be followed.

If I have applied for a Self-Placed Scholarship, will I also have the option of choosing the OAS-Placed option later?

No. Each candidate must choose either one option or the other while keeping in mind that those who select OAS-Placed will have a better chance of being awarded since no more than one third of the Regular Program budget can be used for Self-Placed candidates.

Can I apply for a Regular Program scholarship if I have already begun my study program?

Yes. It is possible to apply for and be awarded a Regular Program scholarship after having begun your studies. Applicants in this position are required to apply as Self-Placed and will need to attach proof of actual enrollment and the latest transcripts along with their application.

If I have already begun my study program and I am awarded an OAS scholarship afterward, can the scholarship cover any of my study costs retroactively?

No. If awarded, the scholarship can never be used to pay for any cost incurred prior to the period for which the scholarship becomes active. For example, if a candidate is awarded a scholarship for the 2012-2013 Cycle, it will not be possible for any of the costs of study incurred prior to January 2012 to be covered by the scholarship.

If I have received a Regular Program scholarship in the past, how long must I wait to be eligible to apply for another one?

A beneficiary must complete his or her obligation to return to the sponsoring country for at least 2 years after the completion of the program. After these two years, the beneficiary will return to eligibility for a new Regular Program scholarship.

What are the document submission deadlines?

For the Regular Program, deadlines are determined independently by each Member State National Liaison Office (ONE). Please contact the ONE for more information.

If I would like to apply for a doctoral degree program, will I need to have completed a master's degree first?

Having completed a master's degree is in most cases a requirement for beginning and doctoral degree program. However, some institutions allow applicants to enroll directly into doctoral programs after obtaining an undergraduate degree. Please consult with the institution in which you are interested in pursuing your doctoral degree for more information. Also, applicants are urged to keep in mind that Regular Program funding is available for a maximum of two years.

Can I use this scholarship for study outside of the OAS Member States?

No. Regular Program scholarships can only be used for study in degree programs offered by institutions within the OAS Member States always with the exception of those within the sponsor country of the beneficiary.

If I find a job working for an international organization after completing my degree, can the requirement to return to my sponsor country for two years be waived?

Yes. OAS policy allows for the requirement to return home to be waived for those who obtain full-time employment for an international organization of which their sponsor country is a member state after the completion of their degree.

Is there any other way for my requirement to return home after the scholarship ends to be waived or postponed?

Scholarship recipients are required to return home no later than three months after the date of completion of the scholarship. However, if the scholarship funding ends before the completion of the degree program for which it was awarded, then this requirement can be postponed until the study program is completed. The OAS may also postpone the return date if the scholarship recipient must conduct research or carry out practical training as a requirement for graduation, so long as this has been certified to the OAS by the host institution. Additionally, the OAS, with the express written approval of the beneficiary's National Liaison Office (ONE), may postpone the return date to allow the beneficiary to continue studying (in new program), or to conduct research, or to undertake practical training, provided that such training is not available in the sponsor country. In this case, the beneficiary must initiate the process by obtaining the written approval of his or her ONE.

As an OAS-Placed applicant, should I select three countries in which I would prefer to study or three institutions in those three countries as well?

OAS-Placed applicants must identify at least one, but no more than three desired countries of study. OAS-Placed applicants can identify three universities within the same country or three universities in three different countries, they can also identify three countries without identifying particular universities within them. However, it is important to remember that identifying

specific universities does not guarantee that the OAS will offer placement in any of these. In nearly all cases, the OAS will give priority to placing beneficiaries in institutions that are part of the OAS Consortium of Universities.

During the application process can I select whether I would like to study in an onsite or online program?

Yes. Applicants must decide on their application form whether they prefer placement in an onsite program or an online program.

What benefits are included in this scholarship?

Regular Program funding can include the following benefits: tuition, partial monthly subsistence, all or part of study materials, health insurance, and international round-trip airfare to a maximum of \$30,000US. Other benefits may be considered by the OAS for funding, but are not guaranteed.

Is supplementary funding available for those who wish to travel abroad to study with their spouse or family?

No. The scholarship does not include any type of benefits for the applicant's spouse or family.

What happens if I receive another scholarship in addition to my Regular Program scholarship?

OAS Scholarships are intended to be used to provide the opportunity to study to as many qualified participants as possible. Thus, when a beneficiary receives a non-OAS scholarship that covers equal or greater amounts of the same types of benefits as the OAS scholarship, the beneficiary will not receive any OAS benefits. In cases where the other scholarship granting entity offers the beneficiary some but not all of the benefits offered through the OAS scholarship, the OAS will provide supplementary funding up to the level that would have been granted through the OAS scholarship alone.

If I enroll in a two-year program that includes an extended break in the middle of the program, will the OAS pay for my flight to return home for the break?

No. The OAS will cover the cost of only one round-trip flight between the sponsor country of the beneficiary and the country of study. Students are free to return home during normally occurring breaks in the study program, but they must finance this themselves and they will not receive the monthly stipend while in their sponsor country. In cases where it is possible to complete the degree program earlier by taking courses offered during extended breaks (such as during the summer months in U.S. universities), the OAS strongly advises beneficiaries to remain in their country and pursue this course of action. If the beneficiary cannot, or is unwilling to cover the cost of returning home during an extended break, the OAS will continue to provide the monthly stipend even though the beneficiary is not actively completing coursework.

What is LASPAU?

LASPAU is a leading scholarship administration provider affiliated with the University of Harvard and serves as a Third-Party Administrator of the OAS Academic Scholarship Program. LASPAU monitors the progress of each individual scholarship recipient once they have been awarded a scholarship by the OAS and issues the periodic disbursements of scholarship benefits.

Special Caribbean Scholarships Program (SPECAF)

The Special Caribbean Scholarships Program (SPECAF) is intended to sponsor the completion of undergraduate or bachelor's degrees by students of the English-Speaking Caribbean OAS Member States. The program is designed to fund a maximum of two years of undergraduate education for a limited number of English-speaking Caribbean students studying in the [areas of priority identified in the Strategic Plan for Partnership for Development](#) of the Permanent Executive Committee of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development.

The processes for announcement and selection as well as the benefits and restrictions of this program are the same as for the Academic Scholarships Program for graduate studies.

Which OAS Member States are eligible for SPECAF scholarships?

Citizens or permanent residents of the following OAS Member States are eligible: Antigua & Barbuda; Bahamas; Barbados; Belize; Dominica; Grenada; Jamaica; St. Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; St. Vincent and the Grenadines; Suriname; Trinidad and Tobago.

Professional Development Scholarship Program (PDSP)

Purpose

The OAS Professional Development Scholarships Program (PDSP) is intended support the professional development of outstanding candidates from OAS member states through short-term, intensive training. The program not only assists professionals, but is also designed to support high-quality training courses offered by institutions that plan to offer partial scholarships by complementing this scholarship funding.

Announcement

The call for course offering institutions to submit courses for possible PDSP funding generally opens in April and closes in August. Application deadlines for candidates interested in applying to PDSP funded courses must consult with their National Liaison Office for application deadlines, which will vary from course to course.

Selection Process

The program involves two distinct selection components: Course Selection and Candidate Selection. The first component allows for the selection of Professional Development Courses that are to be supported with scholarship funding. The second component - candidate selection for each individual PDSP funded course - is a two step process wherein each application is first evaluated by the National Selection Committee of the sponsor country from which the candidate is applying, and selected applications are thereafter forwarded to the OAS which makes the final selection of beneficiaries through its Ad-Hoc Professional Development Scholarship Selection Committee.

Benefits

Professional Development Scholarships are intended to cover either the cost of international travel required for participation in an onsite course, or if the course is delivered entirely online, the OAS will normally cover 50% of the cost of tuition.

Restrictions

Course offering institutions can be located anywhere in the world but can apply for funding only for non-academic training programs, courses, seminars or workshops that are closely related to the [areas of priority identified in the Strategic Plan for Partnership for Development](#) of the Permanent Executive Committee of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development. Individual scholarship candidates applying to PDSP funded courses are only eligible if the course is to take place outside of their sponsor country (in the case of onsite training) or if the course is offered by an institution based outside of their sponsor country (in the case of online training).

If I have received a PDSP Scholarship, can I apply for another?

Former beneficiaries of PDSP scholarships may not apply for another PDSP scholarship for at least one year after they completed their most recent PDSP scholarship funded program.

If I do not have a university degree, may I still apply for a PDSP scholarship?

Your eligibility will depend on the specific requirements of each PDSP funded course or training program. Many of the Professional Development opportunities that are supported by this program do require a university degree, but occasionally there are programs that may not.

Can the OAS help me to finance my participation in a professional development program that does not appear to be available through the OAS PDSP program listing?

No. For individual participants to be eligible for PDSP scholarships, they must apply to courses that have already been selected by the OAS to receive funding. Selected courses and program will always be published by the OAS.

Can I apply for a PDSP scholarship to study in a program held in my country?

No. You may not apply for scholarships to participate in courses offered in your sponsor country.

Can I apply for a PDSP scholarship to study in an online program offered by an institution based in my country?

No. To be eligible for any online program offered with the support of PDSP funding, the program must be offered by an institution based abroad.

Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC)

Purpose

The Partnerships Program for Education and Training is a new initiative of the OAS intended to allow the OAS to develop short and long-term scholarship granting partnerships with leading educational institutions and governments around the world. PAEC is an umbrella that encompasses a range of scholarship programs, each with different deadlines, benefits, selection criteria and restrictions. Various degree and certification types, fields of study and modalities (online/onsite/blended) can be supported through PAEC. All PAEC programs are guided by the principles of the OAS Scholarships and Training Program Manual of Procedures.

Announcement

PAEC scholarship application periods and deadlines vary from program to program. Visit our webpage for listings of open announcements for scholarships.

Selection Process

Selection of scholarship recipients for PAEC programs is often conducted jointly by the General Secretariat of the OAS and the partner educational or government institution that is sharing the cost of offering the scholarship

Benefits

PAEC scholarship benefits will vary from program to program and may include full or partial coverage of tuition, study materials, international travel, living expenses and other benefits.

Restrictions

PAEC scholarships require beneficiaries to study at institutions located outside of the OAS Member State of which they are a citizen or permanent resident. Most PAEC programs include the requirement that beneficiaries agree to return home after the completion of their program for a period equal to or greater than that which they spent studying abroad.

Do I need to apply through my country's National Liaison Office (ONE), as I would for the Academic Scholarship Program and the Professional Development Scholarships Program (PDSP) in order to be eligible for a PAEC scholarship?

No. PAEC programs are administrated jointly by the OAS and the respective partner institution. While ONE's cooperate in the dissemination of information on these scholarship opportunities to potential candidates, they are not involved in the selection or awarding process of PAEC scholarships. PAEC scholarship applicants apply directly to the partner institution and/or the OAS, as per the requirements listed on the official announcement of the scholarship.

Do I have to return to my sponsor country for two years after completing a program funded by a PAEC scholarship?

To determine the specific return home requirements for PAEC scholarships, please consult the official announcement for the scholarship in question. In general, PAEC scholarships require beneficiaries to return to their sponsor country for a period no less than that which they spent abroad studying through the scholarship.

The Educational Portal of the Americas (EPA)

Purpose

The Educational Portal of the Americas delivers online professional development courses developed by the OAS and its institutional partners. Course participants are guided through their study program by online tutors who are experts both in the topic of study and in the pedagogical techniques of online distance education. The EPA offers financial assistance/scholarships for a majority of participants trained through its virtual classroom.

Announcement

Application periods and deadlines for EPA courses and financial assistance vary from one course to another.

Selection Process

Selection processes for enrollment in EPA courses and for financial assistance vary from one course to another and will be clearly listed in the official announcement of each course.

Benefits

EPA financial assistance packages will vary from one course to another, but often cover between 40 and 60 percent of the cost of the course.

Restrictions

EPA courses are open to participants from around the world, however financial assistance is only offered to participants from OAS Member States.

General Questions

How many Scholarships Programs does the OAS have?

The OAS currently manages a variety of scholarships programs. Some programs are open to applications each year, while others are a one-time opportunity.

When were the OAS Scholarships Programs created?

The OAS has been granting scholarships since as early as 1951, its flagship Academic Scholarship Program for graduate studies abroad was inaugurated in 1958.

Who funds the OAS Scholarships Programs?

Funding for scholarships granted by the OAS comes from various sources depending on the specific program. The principal source of funding is the OAS Member State governments through their yearly contributions to the organization, but observer country governments, partner universities and other educational and government institutions from around the world also make major contributions.

Which countries' citizens are eligible for OAS Scholarships?

OAS scholarships are granted only to citizens or permanent residents of active OAS Member States.

What is an "OAS Scholar"?

OAS Scholar is a term used to describe anyone who has been a beneficiary of an OAS Scholarship or Loan program, or who has completed an online training course through the Educational Portal of the Americas.

What is a Sponsor country?

In general, a sponsor country is the country from which a OAS scholarship applicant originates and intends to legally return after the completion of his scholarship. This can be either the country of citizenship or of permanent residence of the applicant. For the OAS Academic Scholarship Program (Regular Program) or the OAS Professional Development Scholarship Program, the sponsor country is the country in which the ONE through which the sponsored candidate presented his or her application is located.

Are citizens or permanent residents of Cuba eligible to receive OAS Scholarships?

No. Cuban citizens and permanent residents are ineligible to benefit from OAS Scholarships at this time.

Are citizens or permanent residents of Honduras eligible to receive OAS Scholarships?

Yes. Honduran citizens and permanent residents are once again eligible to receive OAS Scholarships.

What is a National Liaison Office (ONE)?

A National Liaison Office (ONE) is the official channel determined by each member state government for the processing of OAS scholarship applications to be granted through the Academic Scholarship Program (Regular Program) for graduate studies, the Special Caribbean Scholarships Program (SPECAP) for undergraduate studies for the English-speaking Caribbean and for the Professional Development Scholarship Program (PDSP). All applications for scholarships granted through the abovementioned programs are first submitted to and evaluated by the ONE except in the case of U.S. citizens or permanent residents for whom the OAS serves as the ONE.

What is a National Selection Committee?

A National Selection Committee is an entity chosen by a member state government to review, rank and forward applications submitted by citizens or permanent residents of the respective country for the Academic Scholarship Program for graduate studies, the Special Caribbean Scholarships Program for the English-Speaking Caribbean (SPECAP) and for the Professional Development Scholarship Program (PDSP).

Why do I need to contact my National Liaison Office to find the application deadline for some of the OAS' scholarship programs?

For those programs in which applicants are required to first be evaluated by a National Selection Committee in each member state, the deadlines for submitting applications are set by the National Liaison Office in the respective country.

How can I find and contact my National Liaison Office?

A list of National Liaison Offices and relevant contact information can be found [here](#).

What is the OAS Consortium of Universities?

The OAS Consortium of Universities includes over 130 universities throughout the OAS Member States that have signed partnership and scholarship cost-sharing agreements with the General Secretariat of the OAS in support of the Academic Scholarship Program.

Which universities are part of the OAS Consortium?

A list of OAS Consortium Universities can be found [here](#).

How can a university become part of the OAS Consortium?

If your higher education institution is interested in exploring the possibility of partnering with the OAS through the Consortium of Universities, please contact us at scholarships@oas.org.

Can I stay in the country of study after I finished my program?

One of the central objectives of OAS scholarships programs is to facilitate the transfer of knowledge among the OAS Member States. It is a common requirement in nearly all OAS

scholarship programs that beneficiaries return to their country of citizenship or permanent residence upon completing their studies and reside there for either two years, or for an amount of time that is equivalent to that which they spent studying abroad.

If there are no scholarship offers that fit my needs, do I have any other option?

Please check the website of the Leo S. Rowe Pan-American Fund Interest-Free Educational Loan Program, for information on educational loans for study in the United States and check the Rowe Fund's [Financial Guide for Higher Education in the Americas](#) for information on other education funding options.

Does the OAS give Scholarships for undergraduate studies (Bachelor's Degree)?

Through a special sub-program of the OAS Academic Scholarship Program, a limited number of undergraduate scholarships are available to citizens and permanent residents of the English-Speaking Caribbean OAS Member States. These scholarships are awarded for a maximum of two years and can only be used to cover the last two years of an undergraduate degree program for those students that have already completed the first half of their degree requirements.

While the OAS has traditionally focused on providing scholarships for advanced university degrees and professional development training, in the framework of the Partnerships Program for Education and Training, undergraduate scholarships are sometimes available. Interested potential candidates must check individual program listings on www.oas.org/en/scholarships for more information on the availability of undergraduate scholarships.

How do I apply for an OAS Scholarship?

Each OAS scholarship program has application guidelines and regulations, please consult the particular program to which you intend to apply for more details.

In what fields of studies are OAS Scholarships granted?

OAS scholarship programs are intended to support the human capacity-building efforts of the OAS Member States in the areas of action and priorities established in the [Strategic Plan for Partnership for Development](#) of the Permanent Executive Committee of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development.

If I am a citizen of one OAS Member State and a permanent resident of another or if I am a dual citizen, which country should be my sponsor country?

An applicant's sponsor country should be the country in which they currently reside and plan to return to after the completion of their studies. Applicants must be aware that the country that 'sponsors' their application is the country to which they will be required to return for after the completion of their studies.

I am not a citizen of an OAS Member State, can I apply for any OAS scholarships?

Citizens of countries other than the OAS Member States may only apply for OAS scholarships if they are a permanent resident of one of the OAS Member States.

Are there age limits for those who wish to apply to OAS scholarships programs?

No. There are no age limits for applicants.

Can OAS Staff or Consultants apply for OAS Scholarships Programs?

The requirements and eligibility provided in the official announcements for each individual program must be consulted to determine the eligibility of OAS Staff and consultants for each particular program. However, it is often the case that OAS Staff and consultants may apply for scholarships offered through the OAS Professional Development Scholarship Program (PDSP), but not for those offered through the OAS Academic Scholarships Program (Regular Program), nor for scholarships offered through the Partnerships Program for Education and Training (PAEC).

How long must OAS Staff or Consultants wait after terminating employment with the OAS before they are eligible to apply for scholarships programs for which they were ineligible as OAS personnel?

OAS Staff and Consultants must have terminated their employment or contractual obligation to the OAS six months prior to applying for any OAS scholarship program for which they were ineligible as OAS personnel.

Can OAS Interns apply for OAS Scholarships Programs?

Yes. OAS interns are eligible to apply for all OAS Scholarships Programs.