



2012 Application Season for Fulbright Foreign Student Scholarships Opens

The U.S. Embassy Rangoon is pleased to announce the opportunity to compete for the Fulbright Foreign Student Program for the academic year 2012-2013. The program gives full scholarship funding to Burmese students seeking a **Master's Degree** at a university in the United States of America.

Participants will be recruited through a merit-based, open competition and chosen based upon their leadership potential, academic excellence, maturity, ability to adjust successfully to life in the U.S., and potential to promote mutual understanding between the United States and the people of other countries. Fulbright Foreign Student scholarships provide tuition and related academic fees, a monthly stipend for room, board and incidental expenses, supplemental health and accident benefits, a book and equipment allowance, travel allowance, and the opportunity to attend Fulbright enrichment activities.

To be eligible, applicants:

- must be Burmese citizens; individuals of other nationalities are not eligible to apply in Burma;
- must hold a Bachelor's degree on or before May 31, 2011;
- must have a strong academic background and a record of excellence in previous studies;
- must be proficient in English, with a minimum TOEFL score of 575 or an IELTS score of 6.5;
- should have relevant degrees or professional experience in their proposed field of study;
- should have little or no previous experience traveling or living in the United States;
- should not have a degree from a U.S. university or be enrolled in a U.S. degree program;

Important: All grantees are expected to return to their home countries for at least two years at the conclusion of their grant in compliance with the J-visa requirements.

The deadline for applications is June 3, 2011

The application and detailed instructions are available at: <http://burma.usembassy.gov/scholarships.html> or the Cultural Affairs Section, Public Affairs Office, American Embassy, 110 University Avenue, Kamayut Township, Rangoon, Ph: 536509/ 534173 Ext: 4369, email: RangoonUSECA@state.gov.

