



2013 COMPETITION INSTRUCTIONS

United States–South Pacific Scholarship Program

The United States–South Pacific Scholarship Program, authorized by the U.S. Congress and funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State, is a competitive, merit-based scholarship program that provides opportunities for degree study at U.S. institutions of higher education. The scholarship program will include a four to five-week community service project in the student’s home country. Candidates from the following countries, who meet specific selection criteria, are eligible for the program: **Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.** The U.S.–South Pacific (USSP) Scholarship Program is administered by the East-West Center on behalf of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Program Objectives

The Program provides educational opportunities for academically talented individuals from South Pacific countries to pursue bachelor’s or master’s degree study at U.S. institutions in fields that are directly relevant to development needs in the Pacific islands region. The Program is also intended to allow participants opportunities to obtain a broader understanding of the United States.

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must have completed secondary school in their respective educational system at the time of the application to the undergraduate program. In some countries this means having completed “Form 6.” In other countries, this may mean having completed “Grade 12.” *Note: “Form 6” is not an EWC form that you must complete and return to the Center.*
- Individuals who have completed some undergraduate level courses, but have not obtained a bachelor’s degree, are also eligible for this program; certain outside credits may be transferrable.
- Applicants must be citizens of one of the sovereign Pacific Island countries listed above. Individuals who have dual citizenship, one of which is from the United States, *are not eligible.* U.S. non-citizen nationals and U.S. permanent residents are also *not eligible* for USSP.
- Individuals who have already received the equivalent of a four-year United States bachelor’s degree *are not eligible* to apply for bachelor’s degree study, but may apply for the bridging program leading to a master’s degree.
- Because an objective of the program is to provide an educational exchange experience to those not previously afforded such an opportunity, preference will usually be given to candidates who have not had recent extensive experience in the United States. Preference may also be given to candidates who have not had extensive opportunities for study at educational institutions outside the Pacific Islands region (i.e., outside the countries listed in paragraph one above).
- Scholarship recipients must be able to meet the requirements of the Exchange Visitor (J-1) visa program.
- Participants are expected to return home following the conclusion of this scholarship award to complete the J-visa two-year home residency requirement and to share the knowledge and experience they have acquired during the program in their home country.

U.S. Baccalaureate Degree

Scholarships are available on a competitive basis to individuals who wish to pursue bachelor's degree study in the United States. Awards are given initially for one year, but will be reviewed annually and may be extended up to a maximum of four years. BA degree candidates will enroll at the [University of Hawai'i at Hilo](#) (UHH) in a four-year degree program. This may be completed in less time if the student has transferrable credits from another university.

Bridging Program Leading to a U.S. Master's Degree (Students with 3-Year Bachelor's Degree)

Scholarships are available on a competitive basis to individuals who have successfully completed a three-year or four-year bachelor's degree and who are interested in pursuing a master's degree at an accredited university in the United States. Awards are given initially for one year of course work at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa campus. During this period, scholarship recipients are given the opportunity to qualify for application to U.S. master's degree programs. Some master's programs may not require a bridging year, depending on prior study and academic performance during the first year. Applicants accepted into a master's degree program at an accredited university in the United States may receive additional scholarship support contingent upon admission as a classified graduate student. Applicants who have completed both an undergraduate degree and a post-graduate diploma or honors degree may not require a full bridging year, depending on departmental program application deadlines. Bridging year / MA degree candidates will enroll at the [University of Hawai'i at Mānoa](#) (UHM) in a two to three-year degree program. This may be completed in less time as many bridging year courses can be cross-credited into the MA program after admission is granted.

Finalists who are successful in the 2013 USSP Scholarship competition will be awarded a scholarship for BA or MA study in the United States. Graduates may not continue under this scholarship funding to pursue an additional degree program in the United States; upon completion of the degree they must return to their home country.

Cultural and Educational Enrichment Component

In addition to degree study, USSP students participate in educational and cultural enrichment and leadership training activities. The enrichment programs may include lectures, group discussion, seminars, and projects designed to help participants develop a broader understanding of the United States and shared concerns facing the United States, the Pacific and Asia. At the East-West Center, a weekly Wednesday Evening Seminar brings in renowned experts on a variety of themes relevant to the needs of the South Pacific. Opportunities to be involved in community service locally will provide an opportunity to enhance cross-cultural awareness. Scholarship recipients are required to participate in summer school sessions, except for the community service project dates.

Community Service Component

BA students who remain on the USSP grant for 3½ years or longer will also be funded for a four to five-week community service project in the student's home country.

Eligible Fields of Study

Eligible fields of study are drawn from the standard liberal arts curriculum and other selected fields, with priority given to **agriculture, business*, computer science, education, environmental studies, journalism, political science, public administration**, and related fields. If a proposed field of study is not among the priority fields, the applicant should give special attention to explaining how this course of study would support the goals of the program. Support is NOT available for professional degree programs such as medicine (M.D.), masters in business administration (MBA)*, or law (J.D.).

NOTE: *Business study is supported at the undergraduate level only, **NOT** at the master's degree level. Please consult the University of Hawai'i website for available degrees and programs: www.hawaii.edu.

Although the eligible fields of study listed above are priority fields for the USSP funder, some of these fields may not be offered as majors at the campus where finalists will be placed; placement depends on the degree program one is applying for. Please check carefully the degrees offered at the University of Hawai'i campuses listed below to select the field of study offered that most closely matches the applicant's academic goals:

1. For BA degree applicants, please see the site for the [University of Hawai'i at Hilo \(UHH\)](#)¹;
2. For Bridging year / MA degree applicants, please see the site for the [University of Hawai'i at Mānoa \(UHM\)](#)².

Selection Process

Selection will be made by a U.S.-based academic review committee that may include Pacific Islands and other specialists from the East-West Center, the University of Hawai'i system, a representative of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and a Pacific Islands student representative. In selecting scholarship awardees, the review committee will consider academic merit as well as evidence of leadership potential and experience; community service; cross-cultural knowledge, experience and sensitivity; capacity for change; adaptability; ability to pursue independent study; career potential and employment history; English language proficiency; creativity; initiative; self-expression; anticipated kinds of post-graduation contributions to home country and region; with preference given to those with little or no previous U.S. or other international study experience.

Award Provisions and Conditions

Scholarship recipients will receive the following:

- Tuition and fees payable to the U.S. college or university at which the student is studying.
- Monthly maintenance allowance for residence hall room costs, food, and incidental expenses. The exact amount will vary and depend on the location of the recipient's program.
- Health insurance in accordance with the Exchange Visitor regulations.
- Settling-in and book allowance.
- Initial and terminal air transportation to all official activity sites.

This scholarship is subject to U.S. Government taxes as well as taxes in the State of Hawai'i. Payment of taxes is the responsibility of the student.

Note: The USSP scholarship covers the costs of the scholarship recipients' study, travel, and living expenses. The USSP scholarship does **NOT** cover any dependent (spouse or children) costs. Applicants with dependents should inquire about scholarship restrictions on bringing dependents to the United States by writing USSP@EastWestCenter.org.

Visa

Scholarship recipients are required to come to the United States on the Exchange Visitor (J-1) visa and are subject to all provisions of the Exchange Visitor Program. The intent of the Exchange Visitor Program is to have participants return to their home countries upon program completion to share and apply the knowledge and experience gained during their program at the Center. Exchange visitors on U.S. Department of State sponsorship are required to return to their home country for an aggregate period of two years after completing their exchange visitor program per Section 212 (e). Subjectivity to 212(e) should not affect the procurement of any other visa types. For further information see http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/info/info_1288.html. East-West Center also has its own page for J1 student visa holders: www.eastwestcenter.org/j1visitor.

¹ UHH major listings for BA candidates: <http://hilo.hawaii.edu/catalog/degrees-and-certificates-offered.html>

² UHM major listings for Bridging year / MA candidates: <http://www.catalog.hawaii.edu/grad-ed/mastersdegree.htm>

Application Procedures

A complete set of downloadable application materials is available at: www.eastwestcenter.org/ussp.

Application packets may also be obtained from U.S. embassies or consulates located in Suva, **Fiji**; Auckland or Wellington, **New Zealand**; Port Moresby, **Papua New Guinea**; Apia, **Samoa**; or from the **Award Services Office** at the East-West Center, 1601 East-West Road, Honolulu, Hawaii 96848-1601. Further inquiries: Telephone +1 (808) 944-7735; Fax: +1 (808) 944-7730, Email: USSP@EastWestCenter.org. All inquiries should reference 2013 United States–South Pacific (USSP) Scholarship Program competition.

A complete application must include:

- The completed application form, typed (*preferred*) or hand-printed very carefully.
- If you have a passport, please include a legible copy of the biodata page of your passport from one of the eligible countries (biodata = the page that shows name, date of birth, and issue / expiration dates of the passport). If you do not have a passport, please include a copy of another government-issued identification card (birth certificate, national ID card, driver's license).
- Three East-West Center references from faculty or others familiar with the applicant's academic and leadership potential. The references, completed on the attached official East-West Center's USSP Scholarship Program Letter of Reference Form, should be sent separately to the Award Services Office, East-West Center by the individuals providing the references. These letters must meet the deadline requirements stated below. Please see the "Tips for a Successful USSP Application" document.
- A certified original or certified photocopy of academic records (transcripts) from high school and any previous university work, Sixth Form (and Seventh Form, if available) examination results, and bursary examination results. An official record bears the actual signature of the registrar and the embossed seal or official stamp of the issuing institution and has been sent directly by the issuing institution to the East-West Center.
- TOEFL or IELTS test scores if available. If you do not have a TOEFL or IELTS test score, you may still apply for the USSP scholarship.

Application Deadline

- A complete application must be **received** by the Award Services Office at the East-West Center **no later than February 1, 2014**.
- **Due to difficulties in estimating the timing for mailing an application to meet the deadline, you may upload your USSP application to the EWC's Secure File Transfer site (LeapFile), email it, or fax a copy of your original application to ensure it arrives no later than February 1, 2014, in time for consideration.**

Please note that some email attachments are too large to submit and may be rejected by EWC's server; in that case, we recommend using LeapFile (*please see detailed LeapFile instructions provided step-by-step at the end of this document*).

- **NOTE:** After an application is submitted via **LeapFile**, by email attachment or by fax, the original application and documents must still be sent immediately in hard copy by mail or express courier to the Award Services Office at the East-West Center.

- Applications sent by secured file transfers using **LeapFile** are preferred. Emailed applications are preferred to faxes. Please complete the full application packet and gather all necessary supplemental material (academic records, degree certificates, passport biodata page scan) and scan all the documents as PDF or JPEG files. Applications may be sent by **LeapFile** (see instructions at the end of this document), or by email to this address: USSP@EastWestCenter.org; copies of the application forms and academic records will be accepted provided they are received no later than February 1, 2014 (Hawaii Standard Time).
- Faxed copies of the application forms and academic records will also be accepted provided they are received no later than February 1, 2014. The Award Services Office fax number is +1 (808) 944-7730. Please be advised that up to a week prior to the application deadline, attempts to send materials by fax may result in a busy signal due to the high volume of incoming transmissions. NOTE: Calling the EWC Award Services Office will not facilitate fax transmissions. Do **NOT** wait until February 1, 2014 to fax the application. Faxed documents must include a cover sheet indicating the total number of pages to be expected; the applicant's name must appear on all pages of every document faxed.
- Applicants who are re-applying for the USSP scholarship may request that their academic records, letters of recommendation, and transcripts previously submitted (within the past two years only) be used for the current round of USSP selection. A new 2013 USSP application form and updated answers to the essay questions will be required for consideration for the new USSP competition round.

Award Decision and Start Dates

Award decisions are expected to be announced on East-West Center's website www.eastwestcenter.org/ussp by **April 1, 2014**. Awards will begin in **early August 2014**.

Written and E-mail Inquiries

Written inquiries should be directed to:

**United States–South Pacific (USSP) Scholarship Program
East-West Center
Award Services Office
1601 East-West Road
Honolulu, Hawaii 96848-1601 USA**

Email inquiries may be addressed to: USSP@EastWestCenter.org

Individuals should note (1) their country of citizenship and permanent residence, as well as (2) their educational level and (3) intended field of study when inquiring in order to facilitate a quick and more accurate response.

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Send files to East-West Center: **Education**.
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Please choose “**US-South Pacific Scholarship Program.**”

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TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL USSP APPLICATION

- Use a word processor or a typewriter to complete your USSP application if at all possible. Remember to include whether you are seeking a Bachelor's or Master's degree program in the USSP scholarship and be sure to include your preferred major field of study.
- If you do not have access to a word processor or a typewriter, please be sure to print your information very clearly in black ink on the forms. Remember, handwriting is different from culture to culture, and your handwriting could be difficult to understand in a different country. Black ink shows up better than lighter colored inks on scanned or faxed copies. Take special care if you are handwriting **telephone numbers** or **email addresses**; if we cannot read these, we will not be able to contact you.
- If your preferred major field of study does not match the fields listed in the USSP scholarship announcement, you must provide a brief but convincing reason for the selection panel that explains how your major would contribute to the development needs of your country.
- Please do NOT apply for the USSP scholarship if you insist on studying engineering, aviation, medicine, nursing, law, or Master's degree-level business studies (MBA, Human Resources Management, Finance). The USSP grant cannot and will not support study in these fields even though they could very well contribute to the development needs of your country.
- Follow all of the instructions very carefully:
 - When the instructions say "*Minimum length 500 (or 250) words,*" take your time to write a first draft using separate sheets of paper. Organize your essays and write them clearly so that the reader will find them easy to understand. Correct any spelling or grammatical mistakes, and make sure the final draft is exactly as you would like the selection committee to see it. Do not try to fit 500 words in the space provided on the application form itself: attach separate sheets of paper to the application form, clearly labeled with your name, and "Essay 1, 2, or 3," as appropriate.
 - Please do not exceed the maximum length for the essays.
 - Three (3) EWC reference letters are required: be sure to provide three official **USSP/EWC reference forms** duly signed and completed by your referees. Any other (generic) letters of reference "To Whom It May Concern" or more than 1 year old should **ONLY** be used as **supplemental** to the three required EWC form letters. Two of these should be academic references from referees able to judge your academic ability. No more than one should be a personal reference.
 - Reference letters from family members should **NOT** be submitted. Generic letters of recommendation ("To Whom It May Concern") older than 2 years should **NOT** be submitted.

- Please instruct your referees who intend to send electronic versions of the EWC reference letters as attachments to name the file using the **applicant's** name as a part of the file name—not the EWC or the professor's name.
 - Remember to check with those who agreed to complete a letter of reference for you a week before the application deadline to be sure that they have indeed followed through and have sent their letter to the EWC to be included in your application file. Sometimes these letters are forgotten, and you have to remind the referee of his/her commitment. If your letters of reference are not received, the East-West Center will not be able to consider your application.
 - Please do **NOT** submit primary school or middle (junior high school) certificates or awards.
 - Please do **NOT** submit lengthy articles, research papers, or other extraneous information; such material will not be considered by the committee.
- Please make every attempt to scan your completed application and supporting documents and send it by the EWC's secure document transfer site: **LeapFile** or email the entire application to USSP@EastWestCenter.org. Please try to **combine** the scanned documents to make a single PDF file, which is much easier to process than receiving each page as an individual file. Include your name on **every page** of your application. LeapFile can handle large files. Please see the instructions at the end of this document for sending important documents securely to the East-West Center by using LeapFile.
 - If your application file is too large, it may not be accepted by the East-West Center's server. In that case, you should use LeapFile, or you can try to divide your application into two or more parts so it can be accepted by email.
 - If you do not have access to email, please fax your application to East-West Center's Award Services Office at **+1-808-944-7730**.
 - NOTE: After using LeapFile to send your application, or emailing or faxing your application you **MUST** also send the application in hard copy to the East-West Center by fast post or express mail courier, post-marked no later than February 1.
 - Before asking questions about the USSP application process, please read **all** of the application instructions and tips thoroughly.
 - If you have any remaining questions about the application process, please send a message to USSP@EastWestCenter.org. Please use this address to verify receipt of your application; when asking for verification, be sure to inquire well in advance of the deadline. Please note your full name and country of citizenship when making any inquiries.
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Transcripts

IMPORTANT: If the grading scheme used in the transcripts from your secondary (*high school*) or tertiary (*university*) institution was not the A, B, C, D, E/F grading scheme, **PLEASE** be sure to include easily accessible information for outside readers to help them decode the grading system. If an explanation of the grading system appears on the back side of the transcript, be sure to include a copy of the back side of the transcript so that this system is clearly explained.

Remember, not everyone on the USSP selection committee will be familiar with all of the various grading systems at all of the educational institutions in the various eligible countries; you must therefore help the committee to understand your academic ability as they review your transcripts.

In ALL cases, if your cumulative grade point average (GPA) does not appear printed on your official transcript, please include your overall GPA in your essays as you discuss your education to help the committee judge your application fairly. Unusual or ambiguous letter grades/codes need to be spelled out for the reader.

Example: It should be crystal clear to the USSP selection committee reading your application whether a “D” on your transcript equals “*Distinction*” or simply the letter grade *D* (barely passing).

Grade Point Average (GPA)

If your GPA is less than a 2.5 average overall (*based on a 4.0 scale*), it is highly unlikely that you will be chosen for the USSP scholarship. If you have below a 2.0 GPA, please do **NOT** apply for the USSP scholarship. Proven academic success in the past is the most reliable indicator of potential academic success in the future.

Letters of Reference

Please be sure to copy BOTH pages of all EWC reference letters if you are faxing or scanning them so that you do not inadvertently submit only one side of the reference letter to the East-West Center.

Be sure to put **your name** and the **reference letter writer's name** on the reference letter before giving it to your referee.

Official and Unofficial Names

Please use **ONLY** your official name as it appears in your passport. All East-West Center applications should be completed using only your family (last) name, given (first) name(s), and any middle name(s) as they appear in your passport, birth certificate, or other official, government-issued forms of identification.

If you do submit a transcript or a degree certificate as part of your USSP application that uses a different name, please explain why the transcript was not issued in your official name and attach any documentation that indicates a name change, adoption, or other traditional (clan) name that has been in common use for you.

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Received by February 1, 2014

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Family name(s) <u>All names as they appear in passport.</u>		Given name(s)		Middle or Other name(s)		Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Current local mailing address: Street		City		State/Country		Postal Code	
Permanent address: Street		City		State/Country		Postal Code	
Birth date (month/day/year)		Birth place (city and country)		Do you hold a current passport? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
				If Yes: Issuing country: _____			
				Date of issue: _____ Expiration date: _____			
Current telephone numbers: Office		Home		Fax		Email (if any)	
Have you received a US Government funded scholarship before? If so, when and what type?				Have you applied for a USSP scholarship before? If so, when?			
Have you received an EWC award before? If so, when and what type?				Employer and position title (if currently employed)			
List in order of your attendance all high schools/colleges/universities in which you have enrolled, beginning with your most recent enrollment.							
Name of institution	Location (city, state or country)	Date		Major	Degree or Diploma expected	Date expected/ received	
		From (mo/yr)	To (mo/yr)				
I am presently (choose one of the options if enrolled in school):							
1) <input type="checkbox"/> completing Form (Grade) _____							
2) <input type="checkbox"/> an undergraduate at _____ in my <input type="checkbox"/> first <input type="checkbox"/> second <input type="checkbox"/> third <input type="checkbox"/> fourth year of study.							
Please complete the following:							
I wish to pursue <input type="checkbox"/> a Bachelor's degree or <input type="checkbox"/> a Bridge program leading to a Master's degree.							
My intended major field of study is _____ (discipline or field of study)							
REFERENCES							
Name	Position	Address					
If you have traveled or lived in any country other than your own, indicate places and dates:				What scholarships, fellowships or grants have you held (in addition to those mentioned above)?			

How did you learn about the US–South Pacific Scholarship Program? Please check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet search | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship database | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher (name): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational advising office | <input type="checkbox"/> Embassy or Consulate | <input type="checkbox"/> East-West Center staff (name): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current or former USSP student (name): _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (name): _____ | |

LIST ANY FOREIGN LANGUAGES YOU HAVE STUDIED AND INDICATE LEVEL COMPLETED				
Language	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year

Please compose essays in your own words to answer each of the following questions to the best of your ability. Remember that these essays need to enable the readers to get to know you as a person and permit them to evaluate your suitability as a potential scholarship recipient. **Please type or print and use additional pages as necessary.**

1. Write an essay **about yourself**, discussing your education, work experience, personal interests and talents, and community activities. Discuss any ways you have demonstrated leadership ability or potential in your life. (Minimum length: 500 words; maximum length: 750 words)

2. Please write a clear and detailed description of your **proposed field of study** and explain how it will better enable you to contribute to the developing the economic, political or social future of the Pacific Islands. (Minimum length: 250 words; maximum length: 500 words)

3. In clear and practical terms, please state your **career goals for the first five years after you complete** the Bachelor's or Master's degree for which you are applying. How has your life to this point contributed to shaping your career goals? (Minimum length: 250 words; maximum length: 500 words)

4. Please answer the following questions on this form:

- a. What is your native language? _____
- b. What is the primary language spoken in your home? _____
- c. How many years have you studied in a school where English is the language of instruction? _____
(Please include all years of primary, secondary, and university-level instructions.)

APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information I have given on this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that I have attended no institution other than those listed on this application. I understand that it is my responsibility to arrange for the forwarding of official transcripts of records from all schools and colleges attended, and that such transcripts and other application materials become the property of the East-West Center and will not be returned to me.

(Please ensure that complete copies of your USSP application/documents for personal records are made BEFORE submitting them to the EWC.)

Date: _____ Signature: _____

4. Of other students you have known, how does this applicant rank in terms of academic ability on a 1-10 scale (10 highest, 1 lowest, 5 average)?

5. What are the applicant's special academic/professional strengths and weaknesses?

6. Please comment upon the individual's social skills and ability to function effectively as part of a diverse community.

7. What has been the individual's greatest achievement (academic, personal, community)?

8. Please provide any additional comments that you deem relevant regarding the applicant.

9. Do you recommend the applicant for an East-West Center scholarship?

Recommend highly

Do not recommend

Recommend

Insufficient basis for making recommendation

Recommend with reservations

10. Please check one:

I have no objection to disclosing this letter of reference to the applicant if he/she requests.

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9. Do you recommend the applicant for an East-West Center scholarship?

Recommend highly

Do not recommend

Recommend

Insufficient basis for making recommendation

Recommend with reservations

10. Please check one:

I have no objection to disclosing this letter of reference to the applicant if he/she requests.

I do not want this letter of reference to be disclosed to the applicant.

Signature: _____ Date: _____