CULTURAL AMBASSADOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (CAP)
Requirements and Application

The presence of international students in Wichita provides our citizens with valuable exposure to the world’s cultural diversity. Our hope is that this interaction will be mutually beneficial and will lead to better understanding among the peoples of the world. The WSU Cultural Ambassador Program (CAP) scholarship was developed to involve international students in the campus and city and to draw upon their backgrounds, knowledge and skills as resources in this endeavor. The program also provides educational and cultural learning experiences that will aid CAP students in their understanding of American and other cultures and enhance their self-confidence, public speaking and leadership skills. Funds are made available on an annual basis through the Equal Opportunity Fund and awarded by the WSU Student Government Association.

Benefits: Selected students are accepted into this program for one academic school year. They will be awarded a $500 scholarship at the end of each academic (fall & spring) semester upon satisfactory completion of at least 50 cultural and other community service hours to WSU and the Wichita area for a total of 100 service hours and $1,000 for an academic school year. (A limited number of these service hours may be earned during the summer.)

Cultural Service. At least 25 hours each semester including at least 3 presentations.
Listed below are examples of cultural service:
- speaking or giving demonstrations in classrooms or to community groups about one’s heritage, culture, and government.
- assisting teachers in local schools with programs about one’s home country;
- participating in the international programs of campus, school or community groups;
- consulting with business, industry, or governmental agencies about one’s home country.
- tutoring students in a foreign language
- translating educational materials from one language to another;

Other Community Service. Listed below are examples of other kinds of community service:
- doing a variety of organizational tasks for hospitals, homeless shelters, charities, animal shelters.
- working with young people after school or on weekends at recreational or educational facilities.
- completing a variety tasks for campus organizations (limited to 15 non-meeting hours of service beyond official duties.)
- volunteering for non-profit organizations such as museums, libraries, zoos, etc.
- volunteering for special events on campus or in the community such as The Science Olympiad, Wichita Flight Festival, etc.
- volunteering for arts organizations such as theatre groups, museums, film festivals, etc.

Selection: To be selected into the program, the applicant must: have the ability to provide a cultural service; have a good command of spoken English and come from a region of the world needed to balance the broad diversity required of the program at the time of application.

Eligibility and Renewal:
- MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR MONTHLY CAP MEETINGS ON FRIDAYS (2nd or 4th) FROM 3:00-5:00PM.
- Must not be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States.
- Must have completed one semester of full-time enrollment at WSU.
- Must enroll in and complete a full course of study each term (undergraduates – 12 credit hours / graduate students – 9 hours).
- Must maintain satisfactory progress toward a degree and be in good academic and behavioral standing.
- Undergraduate students must maintain a 2.5 grade point average each term; graduate students - a 3.0 G.P.A.
- Must agree to and sign the CAP member contract (available upon request.)
- Must satisfactorily complete all service commitments each term and help CAP fulfill all requests received.
- CAP members are eligible to reapply for one additional school year.

Application: Send a completed application form (keep this cover page for your reference) to: Ryan Thorup, CAP Coordinator, International Education, 1845 Fairmount, Campus Box 122, Wichita, KS 67260-0122 or ryan.thorup@wichita.edu. Please note that the application is not complete until we receive at least one letter of recommendation attesting to your ability to perform the required service and your spoken English skills.

DEADLINE for Spring 2015 participation: December 8, 2014
WSU CULTURAL AMBASSADOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. Name: Mr. ( ) Ms. ( ) ____________________________________________ My WSU I.D. ____________
   First                                           Last

2. Citizenship: ______________________________________________ Country of Residency (if different): ______________________

3. Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _______ Type of visa held (check one): F-1 _______ J-1 _______

4. E-mail address: (WSU) ______________________________________ Alternate email address: ______________________________

5. Current Mailing Address:
   _______________________________________________________________________________________________________
   City: ______________ State: _______ Zip Code: _______ Phone(s): ______________________________

6. Have you attended a college or university in your country? ________Yes ________ No

   Name and Location                  Dates Attended                  Degrees Earned
   ____________________________________________  __________________     _____________________
   ____________________________________________  __________________     _____________________

7. Have you attended a previous college or university in the U.S.? ________Yes ________ No;

   Name and Location                  Dates Attended                  # of Credit Hours      Grade Point Average
   ____________________________________________  __________________     _____________          _____________
   ____________________________________________  __________________     _____________          _____________

8. I am enrolled as a: _______ Freshman, _______ Sophomore, _______ Junior, _______ Senior, _______ Graduate

9. What is your academic major? _____________________________ Minor (if any) : _____________________________

10. Current Grade Point Average (GPA) : ____________ Month & year will you graduate from WSU: ______________

11. Have you ever received a WSU sanction for misconduct or committed a felony? ______________________________
    If yes, please explain on a separate sheet of paper.

12. Describe any past or current EMPLOYMENT (within the last five years only; feel free to continue on another sheet of paper.)

   Dates of employment    Job title & company    Detailed Description - Including Location (city/country)
   1. 
   2. 
   3. 

13. Describe any ACTIVITIES and ORGANIZATIONS in which you have participated and any HONORS you may have received
    (within past 5 years only: feel free to continue on another sheet of paper if necessary.)

   Dates        Name of Activity/Organization    Detailed Description - Including Location (city/country)
   1. 
   2. 
   3. 
   4. 

14. Describe any community projects and/or volunteer work you may have performed (include the city/country) within the past 5 years only:

____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________

**Information About Cultural Service:** Below are questions relating to the required cultural service as outlined in the application procedures. The service generally refers to a cultural presentation students make about their country. All students are expected to be able to discuss the general history and culture of their homeland and to research necessary information to accurately do so. They are also required to develop a sample presentation that demonstrates a particular area of knowledge or talent that can be shared with U.S. audiences.

15. Have you ever presented a program or speech in English?  _________ Yes  _________No

16. Following are a list of suggestions for cultural presentations and volunteer opportunities. Check (✓) the areas which pertain to your talent/skills or are of the most interest to you. These may be in addition to the presentation you describe in Question 17:

- Telling folk stories
- Teaching/leading games
- Coaching Sports
- Language Teaching
- Artwork/handicrafts
- Playing Music
- Native dancing
- Translating materials
- Singing native songs
- Cooking
- Other:

17. **On a separate sheet of paper please answer the following questions in essay form** (at least 1/2 typed page each for both A & B) and attach to this application:

A. Why do you want to be a Cultural Ambassador?
   - What do you hope to gain by being a member of this program?
   - What do you think you can contribute to the program?

B. Describe a cultural presentation or performance about your country that you could execute in a 50 minute time frame. Include the age range of the audience and a list of equipment and materials you would use. (You do not have to supply the actual presentation but if you would like to - that is welcome.)

18. List one or more professional references (counselor, advisor, faculty, university staff, or job supervisor) whom you will ask to write a recommendation letter for you. (Ideally, one reference would be academic and one would be an employer but two academic references are acceptable; they may not be graduate assistants, relatives, friends or other students.)

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Please request a Letter of Recommendation from both of these people, discussing your abilities in the areas and skills you have listed and described in Questions 13-17, as well as your English speaking ability. The recommendation letters should be sent directly to the CAP Coordinator, separate from this application form.

**Student Certification**

I affirm that all information reported on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I will promptly inform a CAP Coordinator of any changes in the information submitted as part of this application. Failure to provide correct information will be cause for removal from the program. I am aware that this information may be subject to independent verification.

Your Signature ___________________________ Date _____________________