

**GUIDELINES FOR CHANCELLOR'S MERIT AWARDS TO GRADUATE STUDENTS**  
**OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**  
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**Goal:** To increase student diversity and promote enrollment of out-of-state and international students. This goal will be pursued through recruiting strategies which target prospective students who would not otherwise seek to enroll at IPFW.

**Program Description:**

- Remission of non-resident fees for students outside the state of Indiana who present excellent academic credentials and have demonstrated special talents.
- Ten awards, at least five of which shall be for international students, shall be available per year for students who enroll for at least 15 credit hours in a fiscal year (fall, spring and summer sessions).
- Nominations must be made by the graduate program director or department chair to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (c/o Douglas Townsend), which will refer nominations of international students to the Office of International Student Services for confirmation that an I-20 has been issued.
- Awards will be made on a first-come-first-serve basis in any academic discipline.
- Talent criteria (see Initial Eligibility below) are to be established by the program.

**Initial Eligibility:**

- International Students: Demonstrate English Language Proficiency per Bulletin
- All Students: Academic Achievement: Outstanding undergraduate GPA (minimum 3.7 in the major and minimum 3.3 overall) or equivalent requirements for international students.  
Special Talent: Special talent criteria shall be defined program-by-program and filed with the Vice Chancellor's graduate deputy, who shall distribute to the Office of Admissions and to the Office of International Student Services.
- Transfer Students: Transfer students must meet the eligibility criteria stated above and also have a minimum GPA of 3.5 in previous graduate study.
- Exceptions to these requirements, based on exceptional talent, may be granted by the VCAA.

**Renewal Criteria:**

- The awards are renewable if enrollment is continuous at the required level and a minimum GPA of 3.5 is maintained.
- Appeals will be heard by the Scholarship and Financial Aid Advisory Committee.

**Recruiting Plans:**

- It is expected that graduate directors will actively recruit students who qualify for this award.