SEAYLP Scholarships

Northern Illinois University is committed to enrolling talented and diverse students. To further that commitment, NIU offers the NIU SEAYLP Scholarship available to select student participants who have successfully completed the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program at NIU, which is funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the US Department of State. This scholarship is competitive. Each applicant will be evaluated against his or her peers who apply in a given year.

The scholarship is valued at approximately $18,900 for the 2015-2016 academic year. The scholarship is renewable provided the recipient remains enrolled full-time and maintains good academic standing. The scholarship may be used for either a bachelor’s or master’s degree but not both. The scholarship must be used within 10 years of the semester of SEAYLP participation.

The scholarship does not cover all costs associated with attending NIU. Cost for living expenses, insurance, fees, and books total approximately $17,000 for Academic Year 2015-2016, depending on housing arrangements and academic major. If you are applying at the master’s level, you should seek further information on possible departmental and Graduate School funding. For more information about this exciting opportunity and how to apply to NIU, see below:

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Who is eligible?

Youth participants from all SEAYLP batches at NIU during the 10 years after their SEAYLP attendance. Those who came as adults are not eligible.

What costs are covered?

Tuition is covered for a traditional, campus-based bachelor’s or master’s degree, but not both. The executive MBA program and the Law School are not covered by the scholarship. The scholarship will cover Fall and Spring semesters each year, but not Summer session. The student must begin their degree in Fall semester.

What costs are the students’ responsibility?

You are responsible for covering your own fees, insurance, books, housing, and food, these costs are estimated at $17,000 for the 2015-2016 Academic year. Be aware that freshmen will be required to stay on campus in residence halls during their first year.

Are there additional funding opportunities?

There are opportunities to be a student worker on campus as an undergraduate or graduate student. There may also be additional funding from university or department sources, but finding these opportunities is the responsibility of students themselves. Graduate student will also be eligible to apply for Graduate Assistantships that can be found through their applying department or around campus. These provide a stipend.

What is the process for applying?

The SEAYLP Scholarship is a competitive scholarship. A committee from the university will choose who will receive funding each year. Your application will be judged against your peers. To be considered, you must submit both an application for admission to NIU and an application for the SEAYLP scholarship. If we do not have both of these, your name will be removed from the applicant pool.

Undergraduate
http://www.niu.edu/admissions/apply
Submit application by: May 1

Graduate
http://www.grad.niu.edu/grad/apply
Submit application by: February 1
* The department may have an earlier deadline for admission, please check with the graduate school deadlines.
What admission requirements do I need to meet to attend NIU?

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May I use the scholarship for both my bachelor’s degree and my master’s degree study?

No, the scholarship can only be used for one degree program. You may apply it to either the undergraduate or graduate program, but not to both.

I’m already enrolled in a US university in a bachelor’s degree program. May I transfer to NIU and use the scholarship?

Yes! Please remember that you may only use the scholarship for one degree, either bachelor’s or master’s, but not both.

As a J-1 participant in SEAYLP, a program funded by the US government, I’m subject to the two-year home residency requirement. I haven’t yet completed two years at home; can I still come back to the US to enroll at NIU?

Yes, you can! We will ask you to apply for a new F-1 (Student) visa. Although the two-year home residency requirement bars you from getting the H-1B visa or another long-term visa, you are still eligible to apply for the F-1 visa. When you enroll at NIU, the International Student & Faculty Office advisors will help you understand more about your continuing obligations under the two-year home residency requirement.