

International Resilient Leader Scholarship Overview

The **International Resilient Leader Scholarship** is a **merit-based grant** awarded to exceptional students who have demonstrated excellence in academics, extracurricular activities, leadership, and community service. This scholarship is open to F1 visa students currently enrolled in an accredited college degree program in Maricopa County, Arizona. An **International Resilient Leader** is someone who has achieved significant personal growth despite overwhelming adversity. They are individuals who continuously strive to improve themselves, even when faced with challenges uncommon for their age. The most impactful leaders are not defined by their titles, income, or accomplishments but by their commitment to self-betterment and their desire to contribute meaningfully to society. The **International Resilient Leader Scholarship** provides recipients with **both financial support and mentorship**, tailored to help them succeed. **This is a grant-based scholarship, not a work or service-based award.** Recipients are **not** required to complete community service, volunteer hours, or any form of work for Leadership Society of Arizona (LSA) or any of its entities in exchange for the scholarship. Scholarship funds may be used for **both educational and non-educational expenses**, with financial need considered in determining the amount awarded. As a merit-based program, this scholarship is open to all who meet the eligibility requirements. Winners are selected based on their demonstrated commitment to personal growth and their potential to make a positive impact on society.

Award: up to \$20,000 per year

Eligibility Requirements:

- Students must be an F1 visa student.
- Students must be motivated towards self-improvement.
- Have faced significant challenges in their lives and overcame them.
- Have a 3.0 college GPA.
- Been accepted in a course of study towards a degree at an accredited four-year U.S. college/university in Maricopa County Arizona.
- Have volunteer experience (preference will be given to students who have volunteered numerous hours in a leadership or mentoring role and are active).
- Should express a desire to mentor others.
- Submit the following four components to Team@LeadAZ.org:
 - a. Completed application form
 - b. A PowerPoint presentation about you and your life plan
 - c. Cover Letter, Resume, Professional Photo
 - d. Two Letters of Recommendation

Application Components:

This application includes three major sections:

- Section 1: Applicant Profile (page 2)
- Section 2: Household Financial Information (page 4)
- Section 3: Financial Need (page 6)
- Section 4: Personal Essays (page 7)

Application Process:

- Once the application is completed, please submit to Team@LeadAZ.org for evaluation by the Selection Committee.
- If the requirements are met in full, a Selection Committee member will conduct a virtual interview with the applicant.
- Once the Selection Committee member completes their interview and evaluation, they will submit to the full Selection Committee for approval. If the Selection Committee feels more information is needed, they can opt to have the applicant present their PowerPoint presentation about their life and take part in a strategy session with the selection committee to discuss how the scholarship funds might be used to best benefit the applicant.
- If accepted, the applicant will be notified of scholarship and awarded funds.

Section 1: Applicant Profile

General Information

First and Last Name:			
Email:		Phone:	
Address (address, city, state, zip code):			
Gender:		Birthdate:	
Ethnicity / Race:	Ethnicity:	Race:	

Please give a short description to help us better get to know you (strengths/limitations, what you love, your goals, and how you feel the scholarship will help you). (500 words or less)

Leadership Experience:

Have you successfully graduated from a Leadership Society of Arizona Program?	Yes	No
Total Internships / Total Hours:	#	Hours:
Have you completed a Resume?	Yes _____	No
List All Community Services Hours completed:	Hours:	

Awards / Extracurriculars / Community Service:

#	(MM/YY)	Award / Extracurricular / Community Service
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		

College Information:		
College/University Accepted To:		
Application Acceptance Notice (MM/YY):		
Declared Major / Program of Study:		
Expected Start Date (MM/YY):		
Expected Graduation Date (MM/YY):		
First Generation College Student:	Yes: _____	No: _____
Cost of Tuition & Fees Per Year:		
Cost of Books Per Year:		
Cost of Supplies Per Year:		
Total College/University Cost		
Financial Information:		
Please identify what financial support you are receiving [scholarship, loans, relatives, employment, etc.].		
1		\$
2		\$
3		\$
4		\$
5		\$
6		\$
Total Additional Financial Support		\$

Section 2: Household Financial Information

Be aware that before acceptance, documentation and a home visit may be requested to verify the information provided.

Household size (of people living in household). Please list all household members below:

#	Name	Age	Relation to Child Applicant
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

Please list any household members who are currently employed or receive income:

Household member Name:	Employer Company and Contact Name:	Employer Phone:	Member Position:	Monthly Income:

Please mark the answer that best fits your current housing situation:

Apartment ____ House Renter ____ House owner (mortgage) ____ House owner (paid off) ____

Other, Please Explain:

Total household monthly income: \$ _____

Are you receiving government assistance? Yes ____ No

List all sources of government financial assistance you are receiving below:

Breakout of Monthly Expenses

Please give your estimated monthly expenses:

Housing (rent, mortgage, taxes, insurance, etc.):	\$ _____
Utility (gas, electricity, water, etc.):	\$ _____
Telephone and internet:	\$ _____

Medical (insurance, medication, visits, etc.):	\$
Transportation (car mortgage, bus fare, gas, etc.):	\$
What are your monthly essential personal costs (food, clothes, supplies)?	\$
Please list any other major monthly expenses:	
Item:	\$
Item:	\$
Item:	\$
Item:	\$
Total Monthly Expenses	\$
Please provide any other information that can help us understand your financial need for the given scholarship.	

Section 3: Financial Need

List what support you need [educational, non-educational, both].

#	Expense	Educational vs. Non-educational	
1			\$
2			\$
3			\$
4			\$
5			\$
6			\$
7			\$
8			\$
9			\$
10			\$
Total Financial Need			\$

Section 4: Essays

In this section, please answer the following essay questions.

Question 1: What makes you an international resilient leader? Describe any challenges you have overcome in your life. (500 words)

Question 2: How have you served your community and how has it helped you to become a better leader? (500 words)

FINAL SIGNATURE

I swear under penalty of perjury that the statements and documents provided about myself and people in my home including information about school GPA, financial information are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that I have not withheld information.

I, the undersigned, indicate that I have read this document and provide my consent for the application of the International Resilient Leader Scholarship for myself and I represent that I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and am fully competent to sign this Release, and all household and financial information is accurate and can be verified.

_____	_____	_____
Print Parent/Guardian/Representative	Parent/Guardian/Representative Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
Student Applicant	Student Applicant Signature	Date