

Gallaudet University
Washington, DC 20002

Dear International Student,

As a World Deaf Leadership Scholar, you could make a world of difference in your country after graduating from Gallaudet University.

The World Deaf Leadership (WDL) Scholarship Fund is an endowed scholarship funded by the Nippon Foundation in Tokyo, Japan. The purpose of the WDL Scholarship Fund is to provide scholarships to Gallaudet students from different developing nations all around the world. Gallaudet will select WDL Scholars who demonstrate the ability to be international leaders and make a significant contribution to their nation and possibly the world. The scholarship will cover tuition, room, board, and up to two internships in your country.

Recipients of this scholarship must be from developing nations and have a strong desire to return home. Those selected to participate in the program must also have a specific goal and project in mind. Applicants will be asked to articulate their goals and how they intend to achieve them. A student with specific ideas is more likely to be selected than someone who has only a vague vision of what might be done. The WDL scholar will engage in a course of studies that coincides with their goal and project. To support students throughout their studies, students will work closely with a mentor of their choice.

The role of the Gallaudet mentor is important. The mentor should be knowledgeable about the student's country and share an interest in the student's project. The mentor will be involved with one or two internships in the student's home country. The WDL Scholarship Fund will cover transportation and living expenses for these internship trips for the Scholar and mentor.

Gallaudet University and the Nippon Foundation are committed to preparing deaf individuals from developing nations to serve as leaders within their own countries and around the world. Your work as a World Deaf Leadership Scholar could have an impact on Gallaudet, your country, and ultimately the world.

Enclosed is the application package for the WDL Scholarship Fund. The deadline for submission of a complete application package is **May 1, 2006**.

All of Academic Affairs wishes you well in your studies!

Sincerely,

Eileen T. Matthews

Eileen T. Matthews, Program Administrator

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World Deaf Leadership Scholarship Fund Application Guidelines

PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The primary purpose of the World Deaf Leadership (WDL) Scholarship Fund is to develop deaf leaders in developing nations by providing students with financial assistance for full tuition, room, and board. If applicable, the cost of participating in up to two internships during their studies at Gallaudet University will be covered. Students supported by the WDL Scholarship Fund will use this educational experience to develop a project aimed at improving the lives of deaf people at home and possibly around the world. Recipients of this scholarship must be from developing nations and have a demonstrated commitment towards returning home upon graduation.

MENTOR

To support scholars in adjusting to American culture and in designing their project, the WDL Scholar will be connected to a mentor. The mentor has two primary roles. First, the mentor supports the WDL Scholar in his transition to a new living and learning culture in America. Second, the mentor provides guidance for the student in the development of his/her project. This will involve the mentor volunteering to spend time with the Scholar and also being knowledgeable about the Scholar's project and home country. The mentor does not receive supplemental pay for participation in the program.

IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT

Upon completion of the scholar's studies and design of the project, the WDL Scholar is expected to return home and attempt to implement the project. The project design should identify human and fiscal resources necessary to implement the project. It is advisable that grant writing and requests for government support be a part of the design phase; however, the scholar may include seeking financial support as a part of the implementation phase that occurs after graduation.

Gallaudet University will not provide funding for the implementation phase of the project. Support for implementation of the project may be requested from the Nippon Foundation but resources to implement the project are not guaranteed. The decision rests solely with the Nippon Foundation.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

All applicants must:

- Be Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing.
- Be from a developing country.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Be enrolled at Gallaudet University or accepted by the University at the time of application.
 - A. Enrolled applicants must have completed at least one semester of credit-bearing courses at Gallaudet as a full-time student.
 - B. Enrolled applicants must have achieved the status of sophomore at the time of actual start of the WDL Scholarship Program.
 - C. Applicants in the process of applying for Gallaudet must be accepted by the University at the time the WDL Scholarship application is reviewed.
- Have at least a 2.8 cumulative GPA.
- Demonstrate active involvement in the deaf community at home.
- Submit two letters of recommendation from:
 1. Someone in their country who is familiar with their work in the deaf community; and
 2. A school official from home or at Gallaudet who is familiar with their academic ability.

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

- Full tuition, room, and board.
- \$5,000 living expenses
- Cost related to two 8-week internships.
- Renewable up to 5 years.

CONDITION FOR SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL

- Maintain a 2.5 GPA.
- Maintain J-1 legal status for studying in the USA and returning home upon completion of their studies.
- Remain in good disciplinary standing at the University.
- Participate in at least 1 internship funded by the WDL Scholars Fund.
- Submit semester reports to the WDL Scholarship Fund Program Administrator.

World Deaf Leadership Scholarship Application

Please submit the following. ***All materials must be submitted as a complete package at the same time.***

1. Application.
2. Resume.
3. Two letters of recommendation. One letter of recommendation is to be from a school official from their home or Gallaudet. This letter should address the applicant's academic ability and potential for success earning a college degree. Another letter must be from someone in the applicant's home country. This letter should address the applicant's service, advocacy, and involvement in the deaf and hard of hearing community. Letters must be submitted in sealed envelopes with the signature of the person writing the letter written across the flap. (**E-mailed recommendations are not acceptable.**)
4. Using the outline on page 10, describe the project that you will develop.
5. Transcripts from high school, college, and other academic programs.
6. Signed Letter of Intent (page 11).
7. Send all application materials to:
Ms. Eileen T. Matthews
WDL Program Administrator
Gallaudet University
Student Academic Center, Suite 2239
800 Florida Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Applications can also be obtained on website: <http://OIPS.gallaudet.edu> .

Deadline for receipt of all materials is May 1, 2006.

World Deaf Leadership Scholar will be announced in June 30, 2006.

WORLD DEAF LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

PART A: PERSONAL DATA

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year): _____

Gallaudet ID Number: _____

____ Male ____ Female ____ Deaf ____ Hard-of-Hearing

Current Address

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Current Address is good until: Date: _____

Name of Country of Citizenship _____

Permanent Address in Home Country

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province/Division: _____

Country: _____

Financial Need:

Use the space below to describe your financial need. Use additional paper if necessary.

PART B: ACADEMIC

Highest Degree:

Name of School: _____

Degree Earned: _____

Area of Study: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

GPA: _____

Current Program

Undergraduate Degree Program: _____

Graduate Degree Program: _____

Certificate Program: _____

List your intended major and minor fields of study.

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Academic Goals: _____

Career Goals: _____

List any Academic Honors, Scholarships, Special Awards or Certificate:

PART C:

COMMUNITY SERVICE in DEAF COMMUNITY

Name of Organization. Describe Service	Dates

PART D: LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY ROLES

Name of Organization	Leadership Role/Office	Dates

Use additional paper if necessary.

PART E: EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

List your last three places employment:

Job Title: _____

Dates: _____

Name of Employer: _____

Description of Duties: _____

Job Title: _____

Dates: _____

Name of Employer: _____

Description of Duties: _____

Job Title: _____

Dates: _____

Name of Employer: _____

Description of Duties: _____

PART F: PROJECT

Directions: Below describe a project which you will develop. The goal of this project is to improve the lives of members of the deaf community in your home country. ***Submit on a separate sheet of paper.*** Limit your description to three, double-spaced pages. Your response will weigh heavily in determining whether or not you receive this scholarship.

Title of Project

1) Project Purpose

2) Description of Project

3) Benefit to Deaf and Hard of Hearing People

4) Identify Potential Obstacles for Implementing this Project

5) Strategies for Overcoming these Obstacles

6) Academic Preparation (Knowledge, Skills, and Courses) needed by YOU to develop and implement this project

LETTER OF INTENT

THE WORLD DEAF LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP FUND At Gallaudet University Washington, DC USA

Purpose

The Nippon Foundation of Japan established the World Deaf Leadership Scholarship Fund at Gallaudet University to provide students from developing countries full financial assistance for tuition, room, board, and internship support during their quest towards achieving a University degree or in limited instances a certificate. These scholarships are awarded to individuals who will study in disciplines offered at Gallaudet University and subsequently use the knowledge and skills they develop at the University to contribute to the betterment of people who are deaf and hard-of-hearing in their home countries. The award given to the WDL Scholar carries with it the expectation that the recipient will return to his or her home country upon graduation.

The successful candidate for the WDL Scholarship Fund must:

- Meet all the requirements for admission as a deaf or hard of hearing international student at Gallaudet University.
- Meet all the specialized requirements for admission as a WDL Scholar that includes a WDL Scholarship application, along with a maximum of two letters of support from members of the deaf and hard of hearing communities.
- Participate in a maximum of two internships in his/her home countries during their coursework at Gallaudet.
- Represent the WDL Scholarship Program when necessary.
- Upon graduation, allow Gallaudet to share any university-obtained contact information after graduation with the Nippon Foundation.
- Sign the following statement of intent

*I certify that I have read and fully understand the expectations and requirements for the WDL Scholarship Fund. **If selected**, I agree to adhere to those expectations and requirements to the very best of my ability.*

Signature

Date