

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY FUND

FAQs

LET US ANSWER SOME OF YOUR
COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS, SO
YOU CAN HAVE ALL THE
KNOWLEDGE TO APPLY FOR THIS
FUND!





WHAT IS THE INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND?

- The Graduate Employee's Organizing Committee AFT #6123 (GEOC) founded the International Solidarity Scholarship Fund (ISSF) in Summer 2023 as a scholarship fund to support international students among graduate employees at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

- ANY ELIGIBLE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EMPLOYEE (GTA OR GSA) WHO HAS EXPERIENCED ANY SITUATION THAT PUTS THEM IN FINANCIAL NEED
- APPLICATIONS OPEN ON THE THIRD WEEK OF SEPTEMBER FOR THE FALL SEMESTER, AND THE SECOND WEEK OF FEBRUARY FOR THE WINTER SEMESTER
- APPLICATIONS WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR FOUR WEEKS

WHY WAS THE FUND CREATED?

- THE FUND IS IN RESPONSE TO AN URGENT UNMET NEED FOR ONGOING FINANCIAL SUPPORT AMONG THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT POPULATION AT WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
- INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS COMPRISE ROUGHLY 50% OF ALL GRADUATE EMPLOYEES AND ARE BARRED FROM OUTSIDE WORK
- THESE EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES RELY SOLELY ON THE POVERTY WAGES OFFERED TO THEM BY WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY AND ARE MORE LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP THAN DOMESTIC EMPLOYEES





DO I HAVE TO DISCLOSE ANY HARDSHIPS I'VE EXPERIENCED IN ORDER TO APPLY?

- No, you are not obligated to disclose any of your personal hardships in order to apply for the fund.
- We encourage applicants, however, to share their personal experiences to the best of their comfort level.

HOW MUCH MONEY WILL I RECEIVE IF I AM FUNDED?

- GEOC will allot an annual minimum of \$2,000 total to the fund in order to **distribute \$500 scholarship awards to 4 individual applicants over the course of an academic year.**
- If you have any questions/concerns, please email international.geoc@gmail.com and president.geoc@gmail.com