

BSC University Scholarship Program

I. Overview

The Burma Study Center (BSC) University Scholarship Program has been established to encourage and enable migrant workers, refugees, and displaced individuals from Burma/Myanmar who are current or former students of BSC to further their education in Bachelor and Master's university programs in Thailand.

BSC university scholarships cover tuition fees, costs of required study materials, required IT equipment, and travel (ie., student field trips or research trips), student health insurance, and student visa fees. BSC scholarships also include funds for daily living costs (accommodation and food) for a minimum of the first year of study for students studying in full-time programs. BSC scholarships do not include funds for student's family members or daily living costs for students studying in part-time programs.

II. Eligibility

To be eligible for the BSC University Scholarship Program, applicants must be:

1. Migrant workers, refugees, or displaced individuals from Burma/Myanmar who are Myanmar citizens or holders of Thai 10-year migrant cards;
2. Current or former in-person or online students, or staff of Burma Study Center, for a minimum of one 6-month term;
3. Resident in Thailand;
4. Be enrolled, in the process of applying to, or have an acceptance letter to study in a full-time or part-time Bachelor or Master's degree (Thai or International/English) program at an accredited vocational college or university in Thailand.

III. Priority Criteria

Applicants who meet any or all of the following criteria may be given priority consideration for the BSC University Scholarship Program:

- A. Females
- B. Members of the LGBTQ community
- C. Members of historically marginalized ethnic communities
- D. Students with a demonstrated commitment to serving their native or migrant community
- E. Students with a clear intention and goals to utilize their higher education to contribute to the development of their native or migrant community



- F. Students with a strong academic record and strong desire to pursue higher education
- G. Students applying or accepted to study at highly-ranked public universities (ie., Chiang Mai University, Rajabhat Chiang Mai University, Rajamangala University of Technology, etc.) rather than private, for-profit, or non-secular universities (ie., Far Eastern University, Payap University, etc.)

Applicants are encouraged to clearly describe their fulfillment of any of the above criteria in their personal application essay.

IV. Priority Subject Areas/Disciplines/Faculties

The following disciplines have been identified as priorities for BSC University Scholarship Program allocation:

- A. Education, including International Communication
- B. Medicine, Nursing, and/or Public Health
- C. Social Sciences, including International Development
- D. Political Science, including Public Administration and Governance
- E. Law
- F. Applied Sciences, including Environmental Engineering, Civil Engineering, Water Resource Management, Forestry, Energy and Electrification
- G. Computer Science/Information and Digital Technology
- H. Business Administration

Note: The BSC University Scholarship Program committee will also consider other disciplines not listed above. Applicants are encouraged to describe how they intend to use their education in non-listed disciplines for their betterment of their native or migrant community.

V. Scholarship Conditions

1. Applicants to the BSC University Scholarship Program must provide documentation of having applied to at least one external scholarship program (ie., Child's Dream, Prospect Burma, Community Partners Thailand, etc.) concurrently or prior to applying to the BSC University Scholarship Program. In the case that this condition can not be met, applicant should explain as part of their personal application essay.



2. Students receiving a BSC University Scholarship must provide documentation of final grades every term of study, maintain a full-time study commitment if in a full-time program, and maintain a strong academic record (GPA average equal to or higher than 3.0).
3. Students receiving a BSC University Scholarship whose GPA average falls below 3.0 may be put on probation, be required to meet with the BSC University Scholarship Manager and BSC Director, and be required to submit a plan for raising their GPA prior to additional tuition fees being distributed.
4. BSC scholarship students who wish to change their faculty or program of study after having started a program of study will be required to meet with the BSC University Scholarship Manager and BSC Director prior to additional scholarship funds being distributed.
5. Applicants and students receiving a BSC University Scholarship must stay in regular contact with the BSC University Scholarship Manager and BSC Director regarding their academic progress and respond to all information requests in a timely, clear manner.
6. Students receiving a BSC University Scholarship must participate in an in-person or virtual meeting (30–60 minutes) with the BSC University Scholarship Manager and/or the BSC Director at the end of every term of study after final grades have been received.
7. Students receiving a BSC University Scholarship must submit a written ‘annual report’ of 500–1000 words in English at the completion of each academic year detailing what they have learned in the past year in their academic program; what they have found most interesting and useful from the courses they have completed; how their thinking or personal goals have evolved as a result of their university education; what they have found most challenging about their courses, program, and/or university life; and how they have worked to overcome those challenges.
8. Students receiving a BSC University Scholarship must provide updates regarding academic progress to BSC University Scholarship Program donors as requested.
9. Students seeking support for daily living costs (accommodation and food) after the first year of full-time study may be asked to provide volunteer hours at BSC (ie., teaching English courses, providing programmatic support, running office errands, etc.).
10. Students applying for or receiving a BSC University Scholarship who are found to have provided false information during the application phase or while studying will no longer be eligible for the BSC University Scholarship Program.
11. BSC scholarship students who are expelled from their university program due to misbehavior or academic dishonesty will be asked to pay back all BSC University Scholarship funds previously received.

VI. Required Application Materials

All students applying to the BSC University Scholarship Program must submit the following:

1. Copies of any recent academic records, such as high school, GED, or university grade transcripts; certificates of program completion; TOEFL, IELTS, or GED test scores, etc.;
2. Documentation of application to at least one external scholarship program, including information on any other scholarships, awards, or grants student has been awarded.
3. A copy of the personal details page of student's passport, travel document, or Thai 10-year card.
4. Personal application essay of 500–1000 words in English (size 12 font, double-spaced) introducing yourself and your background, a description of the university programs you have or are in the process of applying to, a description of your reasons for seeking higher education, and a description of your plans for using your university degree (future career goals), including how this will contribute to the development of your community.
5. Any additional information you feel may support your application.

Note: If approved for the BSC University Scholarship Program, applicants must provide documentation of acceptance into an eligible university program prior to initial disbursement of scholarship funds.

VII. Application Submission and Application Deadline

Completed applications for the BSC University Scholarship Program can be submitted in-person at BSC or via email at any time of the year. Applicants should clearly specify when they intend to begin their university program and all costs (tuition per term, health insurance, visa fees, etc.) related to their chosen program of study.

VIII. Contact

If you have any questions, please contact the BSC University Scholarship Program Manager Sai Hpee (Mike) in-person at BSC or via email at mike@burmastudy.org.