



Haggard International Scholarship Application

1st Time Applicant

2023-2024

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Dear 2022-2023 Haggard International Scholarship Applicant,

The Student Center for Reconciliation and Diversity (SCRD) at Azusa Pacific University (APU) is pleased that you are applying for this unique opportunity. The vision of the Haggard International Scholarship (HIS) Program is to continue our University's legacy of equipping and sending Christian leaders throughout the world. The scholarship program combines a tuition scholarship with a leadership development program. Eligibility for the scholarship is dependent on the following: student need, leadership ability potential, Christian commitment, global mindset and academic abilities. In this application packet, you will find the following materials:

- 1) Program Orientation: Background, Overview
- 2) Program Conditions
- 3) Contract
- 4) Application Essay Questions
- 5) Letter of Recommendation Instructions

To be considered for this scholarship, read all materials thoroughly to see if you meet scholarship requirements. You must have submitted a completed undergraduate application, received admission to APU, and submitted information on your financial support for one year of study and living. It is necessary to sign the contract (Item #3), type the answers to the application questions (Item #4), and have references email letters of recommendation (Item #5).

The application deadline is Friday February 17th, 2023.

Mail items to:

Your Admissions Counselor
Azusa Pacific University – UG & International Admissions
901 East Alostia Avenue
Azusa, CA 91702-7000 USA

OR

Email items to:

Your Admissions Counselor

OR

Fax items to:

(626) 815-3801



Submission of the above information to the SCRD does not mean you will be granted a scholarship. You will be notified whether you are granted or denied a scholarship by one of the Haggard International Scholarship committee members via email by Friday, March 10, 2023. (Please note: You must have received admission to APU as well as have provided information on your financial support for one year of study and living before your application for HIS will be considered). If you have questions about the HIS program, please email your admissions counselor.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Brooke O'Brien
International Student Engagement Coordinator
Student Center for Reconciliation and Diversity
Azusa Pacific University

Background of the HIS Program

Azusa Pacific University has a rich tradition in internationalization and global mission. Over 100 years ago, APU, then called The Training School for Christian Workers, equipped over half of its graduates for missions overseas. In 1939, Cornelius P. Haggard was appointed president of the training school. He carried the educational institution from a small training school to collegiate status during his 36-year term as president. President Haggard had a strong vision for training and educating international students. The following is an excerpt from his biography:



“He dreamed of training them [international students] so they would return to their native lands, qualified to serve as ministers, nurses, and teachers. He returned convinced that, ‘The training of foreign nationals for the evangelization of the world is at the present moment the most urgently needed missionary activity with which we can engage ourselves.’ Fresh in his mind was the work he had seen done by nationals who had received training at the College. He knew the potential...” --Emma Haggard, *The Intrepid Builder*, p.133, 142.

As a result of his vision, President Haggard created a tuition scholarship specifically for international students. His intent was to train students at APU and send them throughout the world as globally minded Christian leaders.

A new leadership curriculum was developed by the International Student Services staff to further assist Haggard Scholars in their development in 2003. This program continues to be recognized by the current president of Azusa Pacific University as a quality scholarship and leadership development program.



HIS Program Overview

The Haggard International Scholarship Program (HIS) at Azusa Pacific University exists to embrace APU's legacy of training and sending out Christian workers globally by providing scholarships and Christian leadership training to international students who strive to become Christian leaders throughout the world.

Goals of Program:

- Uncover student's God-given purpose
- Develop Christian leadership skills
- Transfer knowledge and experience to home culture

HIS Eligibility Requirements:

- For international undergraduate students in F-1 or J-1 student status
- Regular admission to APU along with proof of funds for costs not covered by HIS
- Scholarship is meant for international impact. Therefore, the student cannot take steps to stay in North America after their education and training (If a Canadian citizen, they cannot stay in the U.S.).
- Complete and Submit all parts of the HIS Scholar Application (Contract, Essays, and Reference)
- Student must be a born-again Christian
- 3.2 GPA or above is required to be accepted into the program and 3.0 GPA to remain as a HIS Scholar
- HIS scholarship is available for a maximum of 8 semesters and cannot be used for non-APU study abroad semesters
- Student must be committed to all HIS program components to retain scholarship

HIS Program Requirements: (Subject to change)

Annual Requirements

- Monthly meeting with HIS counselor/mentor
- 2-4 HIS Leadership gatherings/assignments per semester
- On-going leadership experience per year (on-campus or off-campus)
- Spiritual discipleship with peer group and/or mentor
- Vocational development
- Take at least one Leadership undergraduate class by the end of your first academic year
- Choose a 'church home' and attend regularly

Other Requirements & Benefits

- 30-minute culmination presentation at the end of their program
- One short-term leadership experience (Local or International)

Projected Student Outcomes:

- Strengthen Christian faith
- Identify, develop, and utilize personal strengths
- Attain ability to set and achieve goals
- Understand and practice Christian leadership & service
- Re-contextualize learning experiences to home / relevant cultures
- Cultivate Christ-centered relationships with peers and mentors

HIS Program Conditions

The Haggard International Scholarship is designed to assist F-1 or J-1 visa status students in gaining a Christian education that will equip them to be effective ministers for Christ abroad in their field of work. Applicants must be born-again Christian international students who plan to **leave North America** after completion of studies and training (Canadian citizens must leave the U.S. after their training and education).

1. Recipients are to be committed Christians who possess and profess a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and demonstrate an appropriate lifestyle. The recipient may be dropped from the scholarship program based on evidence of spiritual inconsistency or violation of university policies.
2. Any international student who accepts the scholarship agrees to leave North America after completion of studies or optional practical training (Canadian citizens would need to leave the U.S.) to live and work outside of the U.S. **Failure to do so will result in all HIS monies being repaid to the University by the student.**
3. The Haggard International Scholarship is available for a maximum of 8 semesters only.
4. Recipients may be asked to assist in and speak at events, both on- and off-campus, as the University requests; however, all gifts, honorariums, and offerings become the property of Azusa Pacific University.
5. Since the scholarship committee assumes that the recipient is financially needy, financial transactions which indicate otherwise may cause the student to lose the scholarship (i.e., the purchase of an expensive car or home).
6. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) must be maintained at all times or the scholarship may be canceled.
7. All charges from previous semesters must be paid before the student enrolls in a new semester.

8. The recipient is to be knowledgeable about the Azusa Pacific University catalog and student handbook and is to abide by the rules stated therein.
9. The Haggard International Scholarship is designed to assist the recipient with **tuition costs only**. It does not provide funding for room, board, fees or transportation. If the HIS funding exceeds the cost of the student's tuition, the surplus remains property of Azusa Pacific University and does not become the student's personal money.
10. Any action taken towards obtaining U.S. permanent resident status or any other immigration status other than F-1 or J-1 may result in cancellation of the scholarship. It is the responsibility of the student to notify the SCRD immediately if he / she is planning to stay in the U.S. after graduation or has applied for permanent residency.
11. In signing the contract, **all applicants agree to complete all HIS Program requirements.**
12. Azusa Pacific University reserves the right to make changes in this contract at any time to correlate the HIS Program with school policies. This contract is subject to review, revision, and/or renewal annually.
13. HIS monies cannot be carried over from one year to the next. For example, if you are a HIS recipient during a previous school year, you cannot use those funds for the current or next school year. You must re-apply to receive funding.
15. No HIS monies can be applied towards summer sessions.
16. If the HIS scholar is enrolled in less than 12 units (with prior SCRD approval), HIS funds will be prorated.
17. HIS monies and other institutional aid can only be applied to APU-sponsored study abroad programs. Contact the SCRD for more information.



Haggard International Scholarship

Equipping and sending Christian leaders throughout the world

CONTRACT FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

My signature below indicates that:

- *I have read and understand the attached HIS Conditions and agree to abide by all the conditions.*
- *I understand what is expected of me and agree to fulfill my obligations as a Haggard International Scholarship Recipient for the 2023-2024 school year at Azusa Pacific University.*
- *I understand that my scholarship may be terminated if I do not comply with the HIS requirements.*
- *I understand that if I do not leave North America after my completion of studies, I must return all scholarship monies I have received back to APU (Canadian citizens must pay back all scholarship monies if they do not leave the U.S.).*

Name: _____ Student ID #: _____

Address in U.S. or home country (whichever is applicable):

APU Box # (if applicable): _____ Mobile: (____) _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: ____ \ ____ \ ____

Current GPA: _____ Class next Fall (circle): Fresh Soph Junior Senior

This section is to be completed by the Haggard International Scholarship Committee:

Granted _____ Denied _____ Date _____

Amount: Fall 2023 _____, Spring 2024 _____

Comments: _____





1st Time Applicant Essay Requirement

Please type responses to the following on separate sheets of paper. Each response should not exceed more than one page. Take your time in answering these as they are a **very important** part in the committee's decision-making process.

1. Describe how you became a Christian and what you have been learning about following Jesus in the last six months.
2. Provide a list of all your leadership and volunteer or service activities.
3. What does being a 'leader' mean to you and what are your future leadership goals/plans once you complete your education?
4. What is your proudest accomplishment thus far in life and why?
5. Describe a time when you experienced failure or disappointment and the lesson you learned about yourself, God, and people.
6. When you look at the current state of the world, what are issues that you feel called to address and why?
7. What are your reasons for requesting financial assistance? Please be specific.

As a Haggard International Scholar, you are able to stack the Haggard International Scholarship with other scholarships at APU. Some of the scholarships in addition to the HIS Program that you might be eligible for are:

- a. Athletics
- b. Music
- c. Academic
- d. Other scholarships may be available. You need to check with your academic department if applicable.
- e. Non-APU scholarships

Please refer to the following website and check which scholarships you might be eligible for: <http://apu.edu/sfs/> Click on “financial aid forms”.

For non-APU scholarship information, please visit <http://fastweb.com/> or use Google to locate appropriate scholarships from your country.



1st Time Applicant Reference Letter Requirement

Please provide **TWO** letters of recommendation from the following individuals:

- 1) Previous Teacher or Professor
- 2) Spiritual Mentor or Pastor

Please have each person email an attachment of their letter of recommendation by **Friday, February 17, 2023** with your application to your admissions counselor.

In the email subject line please have your reference include the following: "HIS Scholarship Reference 2023 for *Your Name*"

Your references should address your leadership experiences, leadership potential, and journey of growth (or anything else that would help the HIS Committee make our decision).