



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Regional Scholarships for Prospective Students

The purpose of these scholarships is to provide and maintain awareness of the value that Virginia International University places on ethnic diversity and multiculturalism within the community. These scholarships will be awarded to prospective students from Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Australia, and Europe. The regional scholarship intends to highlight students' success both inside and outside of the classroom. There are four types of scholarships available for each region: The Best of Slovakia, The face of Slovakia, Step Up, and Welcome. The scholarship amount will vary according to applicants' cumulative GPA. All the amounts are per academic year and will be divided into two instalments, one per semester (Spring and Fall).

Eligibility:

To be eligible to apply for these scholarships, applicants must meet ALL the following criteria:

- Must be a first-time applicant for any of VIU's academic program.
- Must be born in Slovakia; or must have become a citizen, or a permanent resident of Slovakia; AND must be living in Slovakia for the past 5 years.
- Must be accepted as a full-time student to any of VIU on-ground undergraduate or graduate programs
- Must fulfil the GPA requirement for one of the types of the regional scholarships.

| Scholarship Type | Amount | GPA Requirement (on a 4.0 scale) |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| The Best of Slovakia | \$4,000 up to full ¹ | 3.9 |
| The Face of Slovakia | \$2,000 | 3.7 |
| Step Up | \$1,000 | 3.6 |
| Welcome | \$500 | 3.5 |

Requirements

Completed applications must include all of the following:

- Scholarship Application form (online form)
- Secondary or Higher Education transcript/Diploma or certificate.
- Two letters of recommendation from faculty.
- Personal statement of success of at least 500 words describing your background, future goals, education, influential experiences, and career objectives in the form of an essay (not a list of facts).
- Evidence of English Proficiency (one of the following options):

¹ If the applicant has a sponsor that can provide financial support to be used towards scholarship, VIU will match the amount provided by the sponsor.



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OPTION 1: Submit one of the test scores below (NOTE: Test scores cannot be expired for more than 2 years).

| Scholarship Type | TOEFL | | IELTS | | PTE Academic |
|----------------------|---------------------|----|-------|----|--------------|
| The Best of Slovakia | 105 iBT/ 620 pBT | OR | 7.5 | OR | 74 |
| The Face of Slovakia | 100 iBT/ 590 pBT | | 7.0 | | 70 |
| Step Up | 95iBT/ 589 pBT | | 6.5 | | 66 |
| Welcome | 90 iBT/ 577 pBT | | 6.0 | | 62 |

OPTION 2: Submit an official degree and transcript(s) from an institution where English was a primary language of instruction, and for which verification is available through the International Handbook of Universities, published and edited by IAU/UNESCO. Additional information may be requested from the applicant's university Registrar's Office to verify that the instruction was conducted in English.

OPTION 3: Submit a VIU placement test score. By choosing this option, applicants will be required to take the VIU placement test once they arrive on campus. The score will determine the type of the scholarship applicants are eligible to apply. It is the scholarship committee's responsibility to determine which scholarship that applicant is eligible to apply.