

APPROVED
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DESCRIPTION OF VYTAUTAS MAGNUS UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROCEDURES FOR FOREIGN LITHUANIAN STUDENTS

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The Regulations for Awarding Scholarships to foreign Lithuanians students (hereinafter referred to as the **Regulations**) of Vytautas Magnus University (hereinafter referred to as the **University** or **VMU**) define the procedures for awarding and disbursing scholarships (hereinafter referred to as the Scholarship for foreign Lithuanians students) to Lithuanian citizens who have been residing abroad for at least three (3) years and foreigners of Lithuanian descent (individuals whose parents or grandparents, or at least one parent or grandparent, are or were Lithuanian, who consider themselves Lithuanian, and who confirm this through a written declaration submitted to the decision-making authority); to their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren (hereinafter referred to as **Lithuanians Abroad**). These scholarships are intended for students who have been admitted to full-time undergraduate or integrated study programs at the University (hereinafter referred to as **Student(s)**).

2. The purpose of awarding Scholarships for foreign Lithuanian students is to encourage Lithuanians Abroad to pursue studies at the University and to contribute to the implementation of the VMU World Lithuanian University (WLU) mission.

II. PROCEDURES OF LITHUANIAN DIASPORA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AND PAYMENT

3. The amount of the Scholarship for foreign Lithuanian students is 1,000 EUR (one thousand euros). The scholarship is awarded on a competitive basis for one (1) academic year and is disbursed in two (2) instalments: 500 EUR (five hundred euros) in the fall semester and 500 EUR (five hundred euros) in the spring semester.

4. The Scholarship for foreign Lithuanian students is awarded by the Rector's order and may be granted to the same individual only once during their entire period of study.

5. The following students are eligible to apply for the Scholarship for foreign Lithuanian students:
5.1. Admitted and currently enrolled students who are not on academic leave.
5.2. Final-year students, provided they have at least one (1) full academic year remaining until graduation.

6. The Scholarship for foreign Lithuanian students' competition is announced:
6.1. In the spring semester – from March 1 to March 15.

6.2. In the fall semester – from October 1 to October 15.

7. Students who meet the criteria outlined in these Regulations and wish to apply for the Scholarship for foreign Lithuanian students must submit the following documents to WLU:

7.1. A free-form application addressed to the Rector, including a motivational statement explaining their eligibility and alignment with the activities specified in the Regulations for the scholarship.

7.2. Documents confirming that the Student has resided abroad for at least three (3) years (for citizens of the Republic of Lithuania).

7.3. Documents proving that the Student has applied for a VMU scholarship to cover tuition fees, a State Study Fund scholarship for Lithuanians abroad, or confirmation that these scholarships have been granted.

7.4. Official documents proving Lithuanian descent, in accordance with the requirements specified in these Regulations (for non-citizens of the Republic of Lithuania).

7.5. A Curriculum Vitae (CV).

7.6. A recommendation from a Lithuanian community, Lithuanian school, or other Lithuanian organization abroad.

7.7. Any other documents requested by WLU.

8. The Scholarship for foreign Lithuanian students is awarded based on a decision made by a committee (hereinafter referred to as the **Committee**) established by an order of the University Rector. The Committee is chaired by an appointed Vice-Rector, and its members include representatives delegated by WLU, the University Student Representative Council, the International Relations Department, and the Student Affairs Department.

9. Scholarship Competition Criteria:

9.1. Interest in the Lithuanian diaspora, including its history and current situation, as well as activities of Lithuanian communities abroad.

9.2. Participation in Lithuanian community activities and/or Lithuanian schools abroad.

9.3. Engagement in community, volunteer, or academic activities.

9.4. Interest in and/or participation in specific activities of the WLU.

9.5. Other criteria determined by the Committee.

10. When evaluating applications, the Committee considers all scholarships the Student receives from the University, the Republic of Lithuania, private individuals, or foundations. Based on the criteria set in these Regulations, the Committee recommends to the Rector whether to award the Scholarship for Lithuanian diaspora students. The Committee's decision is final and cannot be changed or appealed.

11. The results of the Scholarship for foreign Lithuanians students competition are announced in the fall semester – in November and in the spring semester – in May.

12. The payment of the Scholarship for foreign Lithuanian students is suspended or terminated under the same circumstances as outlined in the University's Scholarship Regulations.

III. CONCLUDING PROVISIONS

13. These Regulations come into effect upon approval by an order of the University Rector.

14. Exceptions to these Regulations may be applied by order of the University Rector, provided they are coordinated with the University Student Representative Council.
