

Awarded by the Office of International Affairs (OIA)

Description

This is an endowed scholarship in memory of an outstanding international student, Viji Jeganathan. The purpose of the scholarship is to recognize an individual who demonstrates leadership and ability in bridging cultural differences and who by example promotes communication among students of diverse nationalities at UK or in the Lexington Community.

Award

One \$1,000 scholarship for

Criteria of Eligibility

Applicants must be international or American students who are:

- Juniors, seniors or graduate students who have completed at least three semesters at UK.
- Currently enrolled full-time at UK.
- Maintaining a cumulative GPA of 2.8 for undergraduates or 3.3 for graduate students.
- Regularly participating in OIA programs or campus or community activities that promote international awareness and understanding.
- Demonstrating leadership ability by example.
- Demonstrating exemplary character and integrity.
- Not previous recipients of this scholarship.

Selection Schedule

Application Deadline: Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Individual interviews with top applicants will take place the following week.

Announcement of scholarship award /notification to all applicants: early April.

Selection Process

A four-member committee of UK staff will screen the applications. After this initial screening, the three top applicants will be invited for an interview. One candidate will be selected to receive the award, or, in the event of a tie, the \$1,000 award will be divided between two candidates.

Instructions for Applying

1. Request an official transcript of grades earned at UK from the Registrar's Office, Room 10 Funkhouser Building.
2. Request letters of recommendation from two UK faculty members or one faculty and one staff member who can comment on your role in promoting cross-cultural understanding. They should submit them in a sealed, signed envelope.
3. Submit a typewritten essay of about 500 words discussing your own experiences with cultural or ethnic differences. Talk about the means you have used to overcome barriers between people or ways you have helped others to bridge differences that divide people.

Submit with the application form, all supporting documents (transcripts, letters of recommendation, and a type written essay) to: **214 Bradley Hall before the deadline, Wednesday, March 21, 2012**