

The British Marshall Scholarships

The Marshall Scholarships were instituted by the British Parliament on 31 July 1953 as a practical and enduring gesture of thanks on behalf of the British people for assistance received from the United States in the aftermath of the Second World War. They are funded by the Diplomatic Wing of the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

The Scholarships are named after General George C Marshall, President Truman's 'Architect of Peace', whose personal support made the European Recovery Program (Marshall Plan) possible and whose name has been associated with it ever since.

The program has grown over the years from 12 awards in 1953 to up to 40 new awards a year today. Since its inception over a thousand Marshall Scholarships have been awarded to students at more than 250 US universities and colleges.

A Marshall Scholarship may be held at any one of more than a hundred universities and university-type institutions in Britain. Marshall Scholars are expected to stay in residence at their British university for two years and to take a degree. In a limited number of cases a Marshall Scholarship may be extended for a third year.

Program :

- To express the gratitude of the British people to the American people for the Marshall Plan
- To bring intellectually distinguished young Americans for study in the UK who will one day become leaders, opinion formers and decision makers in their own country
- To enable them to gain an understanding and appreciation of the British way of life and British social and academic values
- To encourage them to be ambassadors to the UK for their own way of life, and to establish long-lasting bridges and ties between the peoples of the US and the UK, at a personal level
- To raise the profile of the UK in the US, particularly among its young people

Criteria:

- Intellectual distinction
- The potential to become leaders, opinion formers and decision makers
- Strong motivation and seriousness of purpose
- An outward-looking disposition and an interest in society in general
- Good communication skills
- The potential to promote British-American understanding

Selectors also look for candidates who have formulated a feasible program of study at a British university. (Comprehensive information about study options in the UK is available at the website.)

Up to forty Marshall Scholarships will be awarded for tenure from 1 October each year. They may be held at any British university and cover two years of study in any discipline, at either undergraduate or graduate level, leading to the award of a British university degree. A Marshall Scholarship may, exceptionally, be extended for a third year.

Award:

- Payment of all tuition and other fees
- A personal allowance to cover residence and cost of living expenses
- The fare to and from the United Kingdom
- An annual grant for approved travel in connection with studies
- Payment (in certain circumstances) of necessary daily travel expenses

- An annual book grant
- A thesis allowance, if required
- A married person's allowance, depending on circumstances

Eligibility:

- Be citizens of the United States of America (at the time they apply for a scholarship).
- Be a graduate of an accredited four-year college or university in the United States and have graduated after April 1999 (an extension is permitted candidates seeking to enroll at a British business school)
- Have maintained after freshman year a Grade Point Average of not less than 3.7 (A-)

Note: A Marshall Scholarship will not be awarded to a person already studying for, or holding, a British degree or degree-equivalent qualification

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