



## S.B. 25-26: 3

### 89<sup>th</sup> Senate of the Student Government Association

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Session

#### Louisiana Tech University

Submitted by Sen. Mikael Maia Abud and Priyadarshi Nepal on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December, 2025.

### A Bill to Fund a Scholarship for the International Student Association Annual Scholarship Dinner

1. **WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Tech Student Government Association, hereafter referred to as the SGA, is the governing body of Louisiana Tech University;
2. **WHEREAS**, according to Section 1.03.A.c. of the Constitution of the SGA of Louisiana Tech University, one of the stated purposes is “*To establish and execute such programs and projects beneficial to the students;*”
3. **WHEREAS**, the Student Senate serves the entirety of the campus student body, to include the International Community;

4. **WHEREAS**, the International Community is a valuable and respected part of our student body, consisting of students from different countries around the world, and of the Office of International Affairs (OIA) and the International Student Association (ISA), who serves as a “bridge between our fellow American students and our International students,” promoting school spirit, and organizing international community events and opportunities;
5. **WHEREAS**, International Students generally do not qualify for many of the state, national, or university funded scholarships, to include TOPS, FAFSA, Tech Freshman Scholarships, or nationally recognized scholarships. In addition, International Students have a higher financial load imposed by the University in the form of tuition and fees, and face more challenges such as extremely restricted on-campus housing, and limited on-campus employment;
6. **WHEREAS**, the ISA hosts an annual International Scholarship Dinner, in which International Students can share their culture and customs, and receive recognition for their academic, community, or personal development or contribution;
7. **WHEREAS**, the ISA has expressed difficulty with finding sponsorship for financial support opportunities for students, given the nature of International Student presence on campus, and strict requirements from most donors/ opportunity portals;

**THEREFORE**, Be It Enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association of Louisiana Tech University:

**Section 1.** The SGA shall allocate **\$1,000** to support a scholarship for the International Student Association.

**Section 2.** This funding shall be distributed by the financial aid office, in the one selected student’s Workday account, and applied to the Spring Quarter.

**Section 3.** Selection of the one recipient shall be made by the judgment of Taylor Nealy (OIA Activities Coordinator), and Morgan Drain (OIA Recruitment Coordinator), and if deemed necessary, Jay Ligon (OIA Director), taking into consideration the following outlined in sections 4&5.

**Section 4.** All candidates must meet the following minimum criteria to be considered for the funds:

1. Minimum GPA of 3.0.
2. Undergraduate student of any level.
3. Must have completed at least one academic quarter at Louisiana Tech University.
4. Must not be graduating in the Winter Quarter.
5. Involved member in at least 1 other student organization excluding the ISA.

**Section 5.** In accordance with SGA's mission and purpose on campus, this scholarship aims to support a student who has shown excellent campus involvement, care about community, and contributions towards serving the student body directly or indirectly. Moreover, it seeks a student who shows dedication to improve relationships between Louisiana Tech and the Ruston area, demonstrating leadership skills throughout their time at our university.

**Section 6.** The name of the scholarship shall be "Student Government Association Scholarship of Involvement" and the name and logo of the Student Government Association shall be displayed in the scholarship presentation and certificate.

**Section 7.** With the support of the Senators submitting this bill and SGA treasurer, Taylor Nealy and Morgan Drain shall be responsible for management and verification of the scholarship funds being allocated to the selected student.

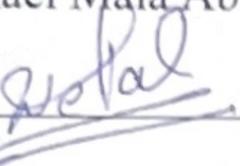
**Section 8.** It is to the understanding of the ISA, Financial Aid Office, and SGA that this is not a recurring scholarship, and SGA is not committed to funding this opportunity every year. It is up for decision of the following year's Senate to propose a similar bill to continue the funding.

**Section 9.** Suitable copies of this Bill shall be transmitted to Taylor Nealy, Morgan Drain, Jay Ligon, and the selected student, along with other university personnel as deemed appropriate to facilitate the project.

Being proposed on the 16th of December 2025, the Secretary reports: PASSAGE

  
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