

Visa Implications on Visa Status

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Welcome to CIRCLE's video series on Understanding Financial Resources

In Episode 5, we will touch on: "Scholarship impact on visa status"

Now that you are more familiar with scholarships types, you might be asking yourself "will receiving a scholarship impact my visa status?"

Maintaining visa status is incredibly important for international students. While we sometimes worry how different things may affect our visa status--the good news is that receiving a scholarship is not one of them.

Because receiving a scholarship does not impact visa status, it's good to know that you do not need ISS approval to accept a scholarship. Unlike getting work authorization for CPT or OPT for example, a scholarship is considered an educational award and is not any sort of employment.

One thing to keep in mind is that a scholarship may have tax implications. The tax implications will vary based on who gives you the scholarship and the amount you receive. ISS won't be able to answer your questions about taxes related to your scholarships so plan to watch our next video where we address that.

Now that you know that receiving a scholarship does not impact your visa status, we hope that you feel more comfortable seeking scholarship opportunities. Remember that the Office of Merit Scholarships maintains a database of scholarships that you are able to filter by visa status.

Good luck with your scholarship applications!

This video is narrated by Ziva Xu on behalf of the Student Advisory Board
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