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**SCHOLARSHIP**  
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With the passing of Dr. Dante Thurairatnam in November 1999, Bowling Green State University lost one of its most beloved administrators.

The family, colleagues and friends of Dante have established the Dr. Dante Thurairatnam Memorial Scholarship to honor his achievements and to continue the cause to which he dedicated his life—helping students succeed.

The scholarship will provide an annual award to a full-time undergraduate Bowling Green State University student with financial need who is majoring in the International Studies Program. The scholarship recipient will be an active and involved member of community or campus organizations with a strong academic record and an overall grade point average of 3.0 or better.

### Dr. Dante Thurairatnam, 1941–1999

Associate Dean and Director  
(the former) Continuing Education, International  
& Summer Programs

### Dr. Dante Thurairatnam

Dante arrived at Bowling Green State University from Sri Lanka in 1969. After earning a Master of Education degree in health, physical education and recreation, Dante returned to Sri Lanka and served as Director of Health and Physical Education, coach, teacher and dorm director at Jaffna College.

But Bowling Green had stolen his heart and Dante came back to BGSU in 1974, never to leave again. He entered the doctoral program and received a Ph.D. in educational administration and supervision. From his first position as assistant to the Vice Provost to his last as Associate Dean of (the former) Continuing Education, International & Summer Programs and Director of Off-Campus Programs, Dante was devoted to the University. Since he assumed full responsibility in 1981, Off-Campus Programs has grown phenomenally, developing a previously untapped population and generating much-needed revenue for the University.

Dante was instrumental in securing many major grants for the University and for local schools. He worked closely with area superintendents and principals to make teacher continuing education accessible and convenient. Dante was always ready to lend a helping hand to students, especially international students. His associates considered him a compassionate friend and mentor.

In recognition of his accomplishments, Dante received the prestigious Michael Ferrari Award, the University's top honor for administrative staff, in 1991. He was inducted into the Omicron Delta Kappa honor society in 1995.

The Dr. Dante Thurairatnam Memorial Scholarship is a fitting tribute to a distinguished career and lasting legacy to the students he served so well.

#### Criteria for Applicants

- **Full-time** sophomores, juniors and seniors majoring in International Studies
- GPA of 3.0 or better
- Evidence of involvement in campus or community organizations
- Financial need

#### Selection Process

A Selection Committee will review applications and contact the students in Spring

#### Amount of the Award

Awards contingent upon available funds

#### Scholarship Administrator

The Executive Director of Continuing & Extended Education

Awards will be announced in April

Complete applications must be **received** by Continuing & Extended Education by **January 31**. Applications postmarked prior to **January 31** but received by Continuing & Extended Education later than **January 31** will **NOT** be accepted.

Mail or deliver all applications to:

Dr. Dante Thurairatnam Memorial Scholarship in International Studies  
c/o Kerry Fisher, Selection Committee Chair  
BGSU, Continuing & Extended Education  
14 College Park, Bowling Green, OH 43403-0200

If you have any additional questions regarding the application, please contact Kerry Fisher, Selection Committee Chair, at 419.372.8181.



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Applicant Information Sheet

Please print all requested information.

1. Date of Application / / 2. Phone Number ( )

3. Legal Name First Middle Last

4. Local Mailing Address Number and Street (Include Apartment Number, if any)

City State Zip

5. Date of Birth / / 6. E-mail Address

7. BGSU PIN #

8a. U.S. Citizen Yes No 8b. If yes, Social Security Number

8c. If no, Resident Alien I.D. Number

9. Male Female 10. Sophomore Junior Senior

11. Major 12. Number of cumulative semester hours at BGSU

13. Cumulative Grade Point Average 14. Anticipated number of hours enrolled for Fall

15. Anticipated Date of Graduation / /

16. List other colleges or institutions of higher education that you have attended:

Table with 3 columns: Name of Institution, City and State, Dates Attended. Includes rows 1, 2, and 3.

17a. List other scholarships, grants or loans you have received and amounts of each. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Blank lines for listing scholarships, grants, or loans.

17b. Do your parents assist you financially with college? Yes No 17c. If yes, how much do you receive?

18a. Are your parents/step parents BGSU Alumni? Yes No

18b. If yes, Name of alumni parent(s): 18c. Year of Graduation

Blank lines for providing names of alumni parents and year of graduation.

19. **Campus Activities:** List all campus activities in which you have participated at BGSU (i.e athletics, student government, international experiences, etc.). Attach additional pages if necessary.

Activity	Dates (from-to)	Position (e.g., Treasurer)	Average Hours Per Week	Comments

20. **Community and Volunteer Activities:** List all unpaid community activities in which you have participated since starting college (i.e., volunteer efforts, church work, international experience, etc.). Attach additional pages if necessary.

Activity (e.g., soup kitchen)	Dates (from-to)	Position (e.g., Treasurer)	Average Hours Per Week	Comments

21. **Employment History:** List paid jobs you have held since starting college. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Dates (from-to) of Employment	Name of Employer	Duties	Average hours worked per week

22. **References:** Supply the name, address and phone number of three individuals you would like to serve as a reference: (At least one must be from outside BGSU.)

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23. **Required Essay:** Provide a written statement on how this scholarship will impact your future goals in International Studies. Please provide this information on an attachment to this application – **please type your response on your attachment.** Attachment should be **one page, typed** – 12 pt font size, double spaced with one-inch margins.

*I attest that the information provided on this application is complete and truthful, to the best of my knowledge. I understand that all information is subject to verification and that falsification will result in termination of any scholarship granted. Signature also indicates authorization to release all appropriate information as necessary to complete the scholarship process. Publicity generated by Bowling Green State University may include the fund's name, its amount and purpose, and the recipient's name and biographical information.*

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit completed application and materials to Continuing & Extended Education by January 31**

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