

# Financial Resources

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# **Jack and D'Ann Burke International Scholarship/Cecelia Eichenberg Memorial Scholarship**

The Jack and D'Ann Burke International Scholarship and the Cecelia Eichenberg Memorial Scholarship are sponsored by ISSSO. Both scholarships are identical, just one application is needed.

ISSSO will award 2 scholarships for the 2021-2022 academic year.

# Jack and D'Ann Burke International Scholarship/Cecelia Eichenberg Memorial Scholarship

- Scholarships are available to resident and non-resident students, as well as international students.
- Scholarships award a total of \$1000 (\$500 per fall and spring semesters)
- Scholarships provide recipients with an in-state tuition waiver.
- Applications will be received through March 27, 2021.

# Jack and D'Ann Burke International Scholarship/Cecelia Eichenberg Memorial Scholarship

Eligibility requirements and the scholarship application are available via the ISSSO website:

<https://uh.edu/oisss/students/scholarships/>

The screenshot shows the ISSSO website interface. On the left is a navigation menu with the following items: ISSSO Services, Students (highlighted), New Students, Entry and Exit, Financial Services, F-1/F-2 Visa, J-1/J-2 Visa, J-1 Student Intern, Employment, Change of Status to F1, Scholarship Application (highlighted in red), Optional Practical Training, International Faculty and Scholars, Information for Departments, Tax Information, International Student Health Insurance, International Friendship Program, Forms and Publications, Contact Us, Links, and Announcements. The main content area features the title "Jack and D'Ann Burke International /Cecelia Eichenberg Memorial Scholarship" and a yellow banner stating "Application deadline for 2021-2022 scholarships is March 27, 2021." Below this is a paragraph explaining the scholarship's availability and application process. A section titled "Who is eligible?" contains a list of seven requirements. At the bottom of the page is a red button labeled "Scholarship Application".

## ISSSO

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## Jack and D'Ann Burke International /Cecelia Eichenberg Memorial Scholarship

Application deadline for 2021-2022 scholarships is March 27, 2021.

Jack and D'Ann Burke International Scholarship and the Cecelia Eichenberg Memorial Scholarship are available to resident and non-resident students as well as international students. These scholarships are basically identical, so only one application form is needed. This application process becomes available once a year in the spring semester. A recipient may apply for renewal of the scholarship if he/she continues to meet the eligibility requirements. However, the maximum length of the scholarship is up to 4 consecutive semesters (spring/fall). A recipient will not be eligible to renew the scholarship in the event of changing academic programs. Applications must be submitted online to International Student and Scholar Services no later than **March 27, 2021**. Note that International Student and Scholar Services does not accept paper application submission.

### Who is eligible?

1. Applicants must demonstrate active involvement in international educational activities.
2. **Undergraduate applicants must hold at least a junior standing and must have completed 12 credit hours in the Fall of 2020 and complete 12 credit hours in the Spring of 2021. Undergraduates must also be planning to take 12 hours in the Fall of 2021 and Spring of 2022. Graduate students must meet the same requirement except they must complete 9 hours in all the semesters noted above.** These minimum credit-hours must be taken at the University of Houston. Concurrent enrollment at another institution does not count toward the full-time hours. For international students, permission by International Student and Scholar Services to drop below hours does not equal full-time status for scholarship purposes. The only exception is students approved for the federally authorized Special Student Relief Program.
3. All undergraduate applicants must have and maintain at least a cumulative 3.0 GPA and all graduate applicants must have and maintain at least a cumulative 3.5 GPA.
4. Applicants must demonstrate financial need.
5. Priority will be given to students who do not currently hold other scholarships or a tuition waiver.
6. A recommendation letter must be uploaded. The recommendation letter must be provided by Professor/Respected Authority under whom you have taken a course or have worked together. If you have already collected the recommendation letter from the Professor/Respected Authority, you can upload it by selecting the option "yourself" in the application. If a Professor/Respected Authority is uploading a recommendation letter for you, then provide their email-address by selecting the option "Professor/Respected Authority".
7. Please have your personal essay and passport (if applicable) ready before starting the application. Recommendation letters can be uploaded by yourself or by your Professor/Respected Authority. Incomplete applications will be considered ineligible.

[Scholarship Application](#)

# Sprintax Tax Preparation Software

**International Student and Scholar Services Office**  
has arranged **free access** to Sprintax Tax Preparation  
software for 2020 tax filing year.

Sprintax will guide you through the tax preparation  
process, arrange the necessary documents and check if  
you're due a tax refund.

# Sprintax Tax Preparation Software

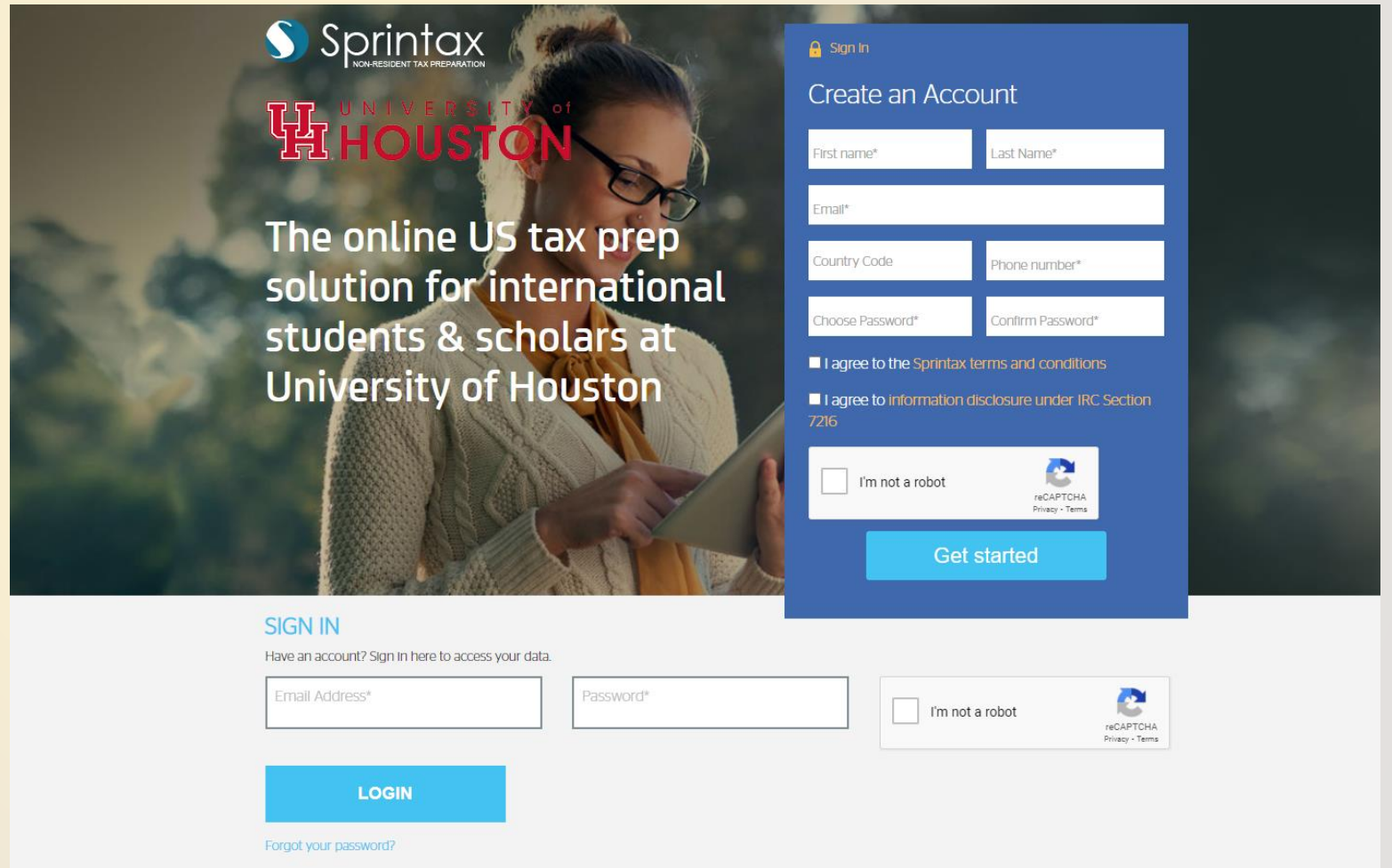
- Nonresident students in the U.S. are legally required to file a tax return if you received U.S. income during 2020.
- Students in the U.S. during 2020 are still obliged to file a form 8843 with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) even if you did not work or receive income in the U.S.

# Sprintax Tax Preparation Software

- This software was used by over 225,000 international students and scholars last year, and the federal refund received by eligible students was over \$1,126.
- Individual tax filings **can and will differ** from person to person.
- Do not obtain tax advice from friends.

# Sprintax Tax Preparation Software

The Sprintax software can be accessed via the ISSSO website: <https://uh.edu/oisss/tax-information/>



The screenshot displays the Sprintax website interface. On the left, there is a promotional banner with the Sprintax logo (a blue circle with a white 'S') and the text "Sprintax NON-RESIDENT TAX PREPARATION". Below this is the University of Houston logo (a red 'UH' followed by "UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON") and the text "The online US tax prep solution for international students & scholars at University of Houston". The background of the banner shows a woman with glasses looking at a tablet.

On the right side of the banner, there is a blue "Create an Account" form. It includes a "Sign In" link at the top left. The form fields are: "First name\*", "Last Name\*", "Email\*", "Country Code", "Phone number\*", "Choose Password\*", and "Confirm Password\*". There are two checkboxes for terms and conditions: "I agree to the Sprintax terms and conditions" and "I agree to information disclosure under IRC Section 7216". At the bottom of the form is a reCAPTCHA widget with the text "I'm not a robot" and a "Get started" button.

Below the banner, there is a white "SIGN IN" section. It contains the text "Have an account? Sign In here to access your data." followed by "Email Address\*" and "Password\*" input fields. To the right of these fields is another reCAPTCHA widget with the text "I'm not a robot". Below the input fields is a blue "LOGIN" button and a link for "Forgot your password?".



# Accessing the Sprintax Tax Preparation Software

The software will guide you through the tax preparation process, arrange necessary documents and check to see if you are eligible for a refund.

1. Register and follow the instructions
2. Complete the online questionnaire
3. Enter the access code provided by ISSSO.
4. Sprintax will complete your tax return by generating required tax documents.
5. You print, sign and mail your documents to the IRS.

The software does not e-file your taxes. Make copies of all tax documents for your records. **24/7 support is provided by Sprintax via [hello@sprintax.com](mailto:hello@sprintax.com).**

# Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program

## University of Houston-Downtown

is offering a virtual program to assist people who make \$66,000 or less with preparing tax returns.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program uses IRS certified volunteers to provide free tax assistance to UH students.

Virtual Clinic hours are available:

February 12-April 15, 2021

<https://uh.edu/oisss/tax-information/>

# Tax Filing Deadline

April 15, 2021 is the last day for residents and nonresidents who earned US income to file Federal tax returns for the 2020 tax year.

The IRS considers a tax return filed on time if it is addressed correctly, has enough postage, and is postmarked by the due date.



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