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INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



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Gilman Program Mission

- The Gilman International Scholarship Program diversifies the kinds of students who study abroad and the countries and regions where they go.
- The Gilman Program supports undergraduates who have high financial need and awards scholarships of up to \$5,000 for study abroad for up to one academic year.

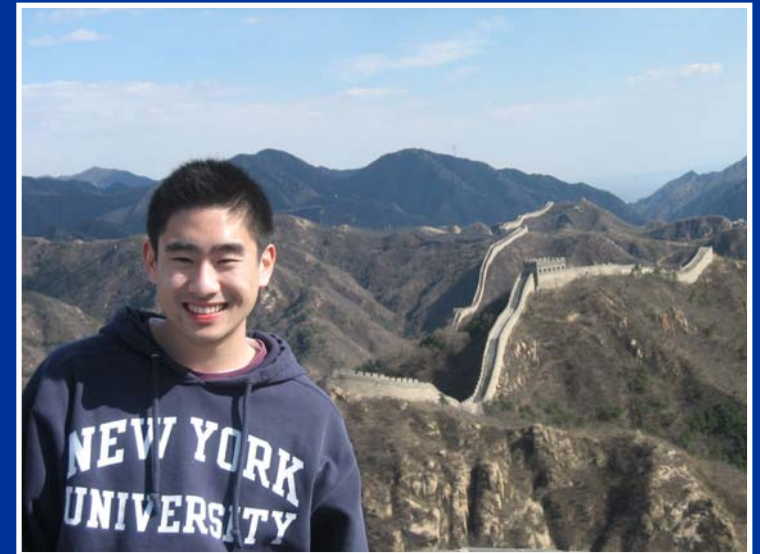


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Gilman Scholarship Awards

- **1200 Scholarships**
- **Awards of up to \$5,000**
- **Average Award is \$4,000**
- **Critical Need Language Supplements Available**



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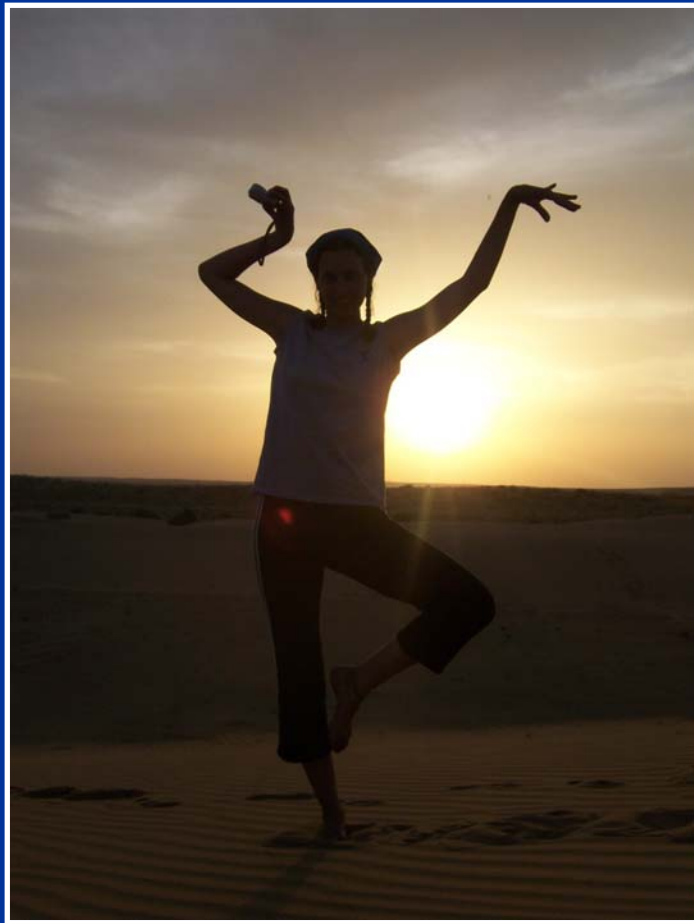
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Critical Need Language Supplement

- **Supplemental awards of \$3,000**
- **Total award of \$8,000**



Critical Need Languages Include:

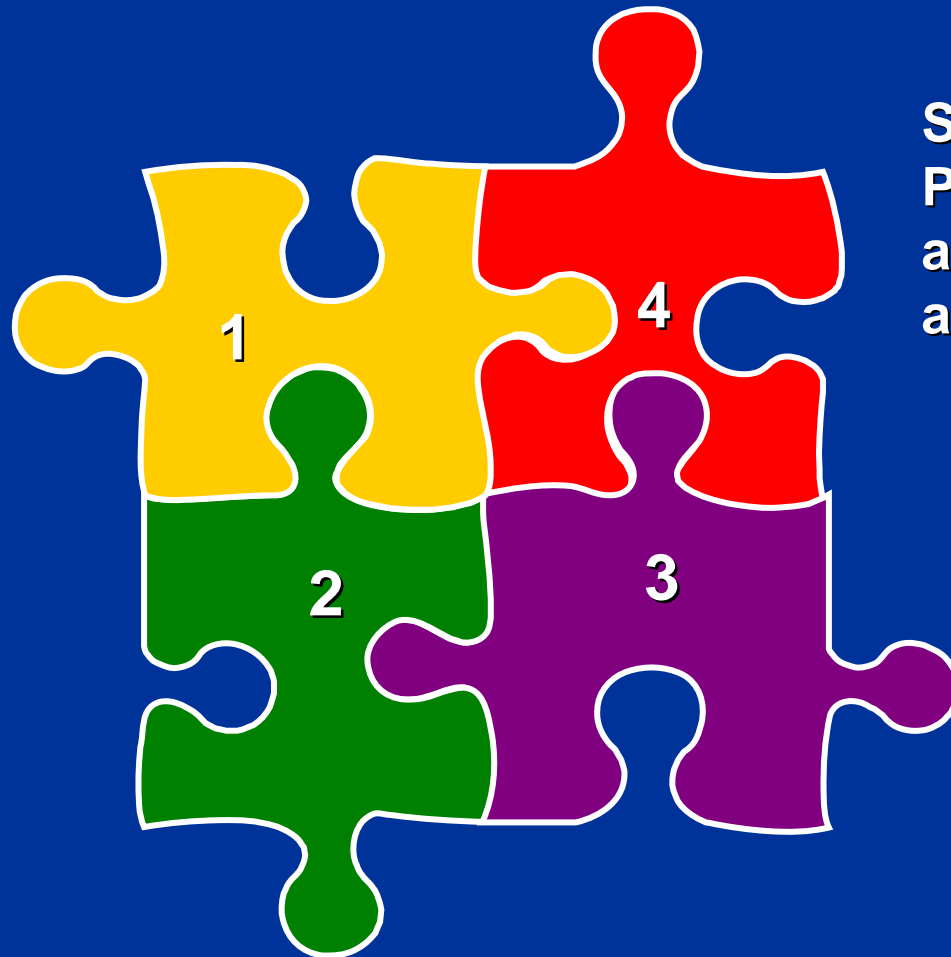


- **Arabic** (all dialects)
- **Chinese** (all dialects)
- **Turkic** (Azerbaijani, Kazakh, Kyrgyz, Turkish, Turkmen, Uzbek)
- **Persian** (Farsi, Dari, Kurdish, Pashto, Tajiki)
- **Indic** (Hindi, Urdu, Nepali, Sinhala, Bengali, Punjabi, Marathi, Gujarati, Sindhi)
- **Korean**
- **Russian**

Eligibility Requirements

Must be a
U.S. citizen.

Must be
studying
abroad for a
minimum of
four weeks in
one country.



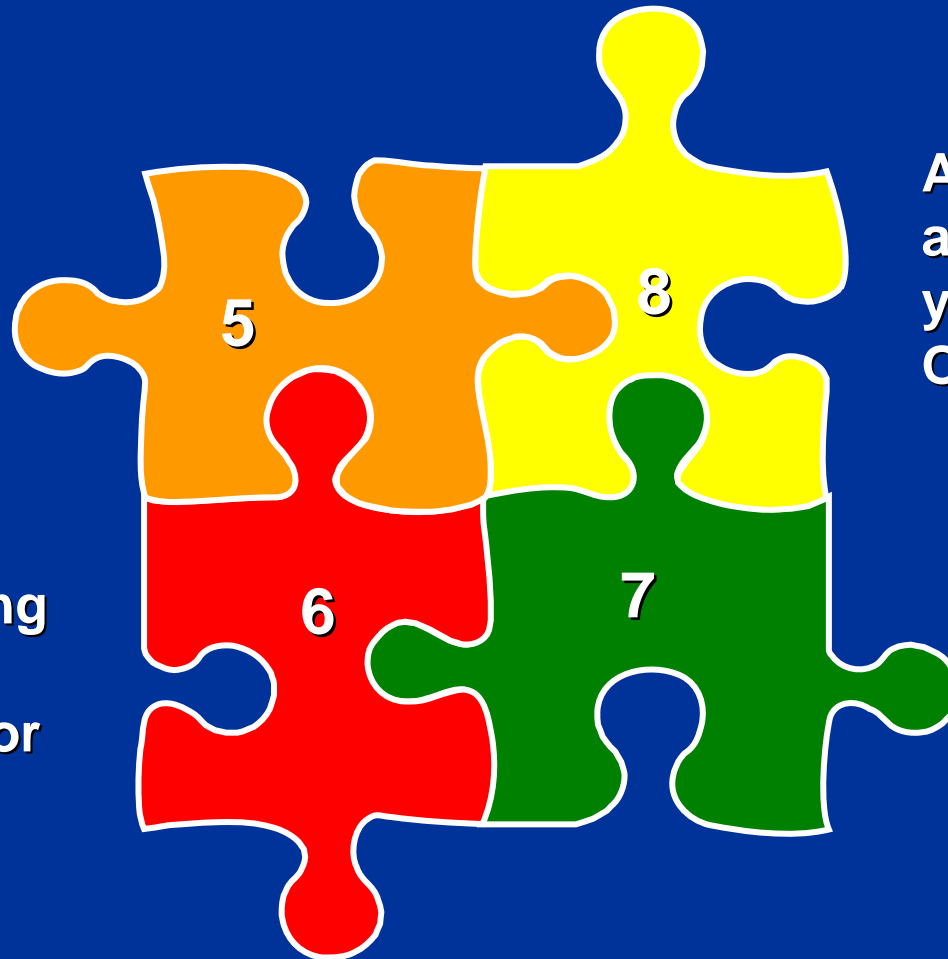
Study Abroad
Program must be
approved for
academic credit.

Must be
receiving a
Pell Grant.

Eligibility Requirements (Cont.)

Must be an undergraduate student in good academic standing.

Must be studying abroad during the fall, spring or academic year terms.

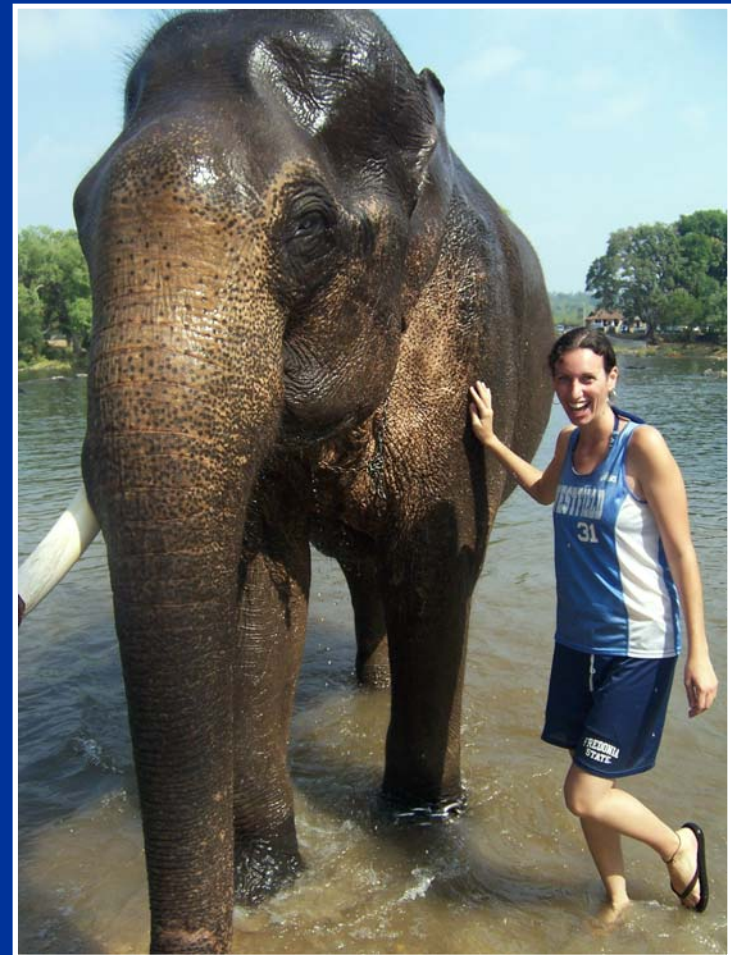


Applications accepted twice a year, in April and October.

Can study in any country other than one on the U.S. Department of State's Travel Warning list or Cuba.

Preference Factors

- **Non-traditional countries**
- **Study of “Critical Need Language”**
- **Longer length of study**
- **Diversity of student**
- **Type & diversity of Institution**
- **Potential for impact on the student**
- **Academic Progress & Performance**





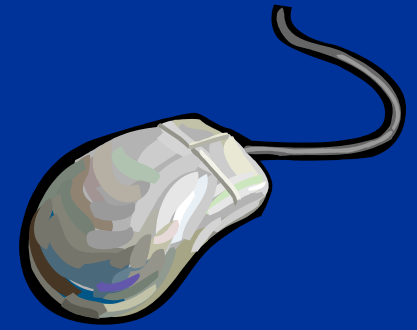
Deadlines

- **April 15, 2008** for Fall and Academic Year Study Abroad Programs
- **October 7, 2008** for Spring Study Abroad Programs

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How to Apply:



- The Gilman Scholarship Application is *available online*.
- There are four components to the Gilman Scholarship Application:
 1. Online student section;
 2. Online study abroad advisor certification;
 3. Online financial aid advisor certification; and
 4. Three paper copies of the student's transcript(s).
- Consult the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) section on the Gilman website for more information.

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Application Components

Statement of Purpose Essay

- **impact on academic, professional, and personal goals**
- **impact receiving the Gilman Scholarship would have on achievement of these goals**



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Follow-On Project Proposal



- All Gilman Scholars are required to carry out a follow-on project upon their return from abroad that helps to promote international education and the Gilman International Scholarship.
- Projects on home campus or in local community
- must be completed within six months of return home.
- Be mindful of:
 - Target audience and message
 - Method of presenting

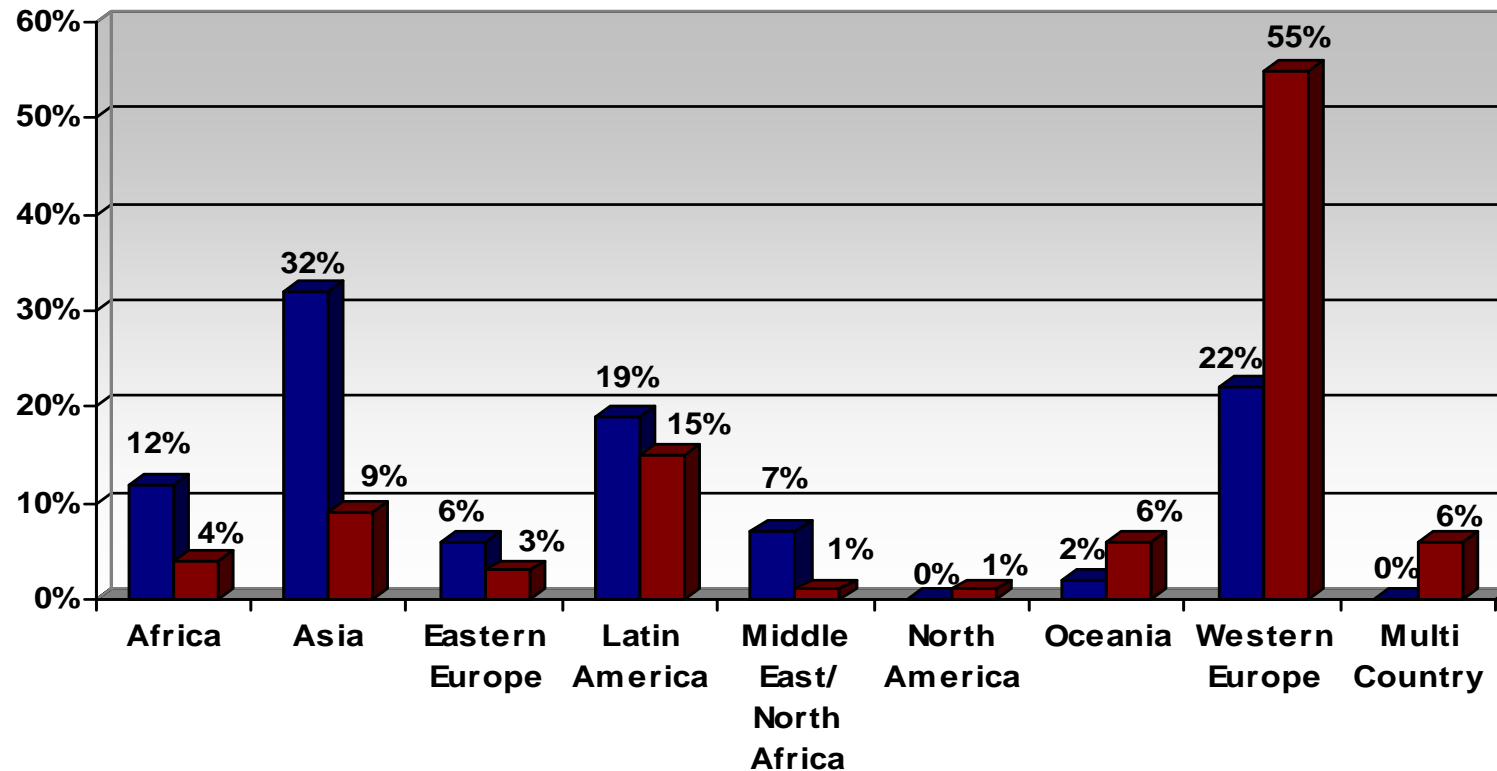
Award Statistics: Regions of Destination

	Applicants	Gilman Recipients
Africa	151	96
Asia	567	262
Eastern Europe	89	48
Latin America	367	156
Middle East/N.Africa	96	60
North America	8	0
Oceania	185	20
Western Europe	1326	178
TOTAL	2791	820

Academic Year 2007-2008

Gilman Comparison to National Study Abroad

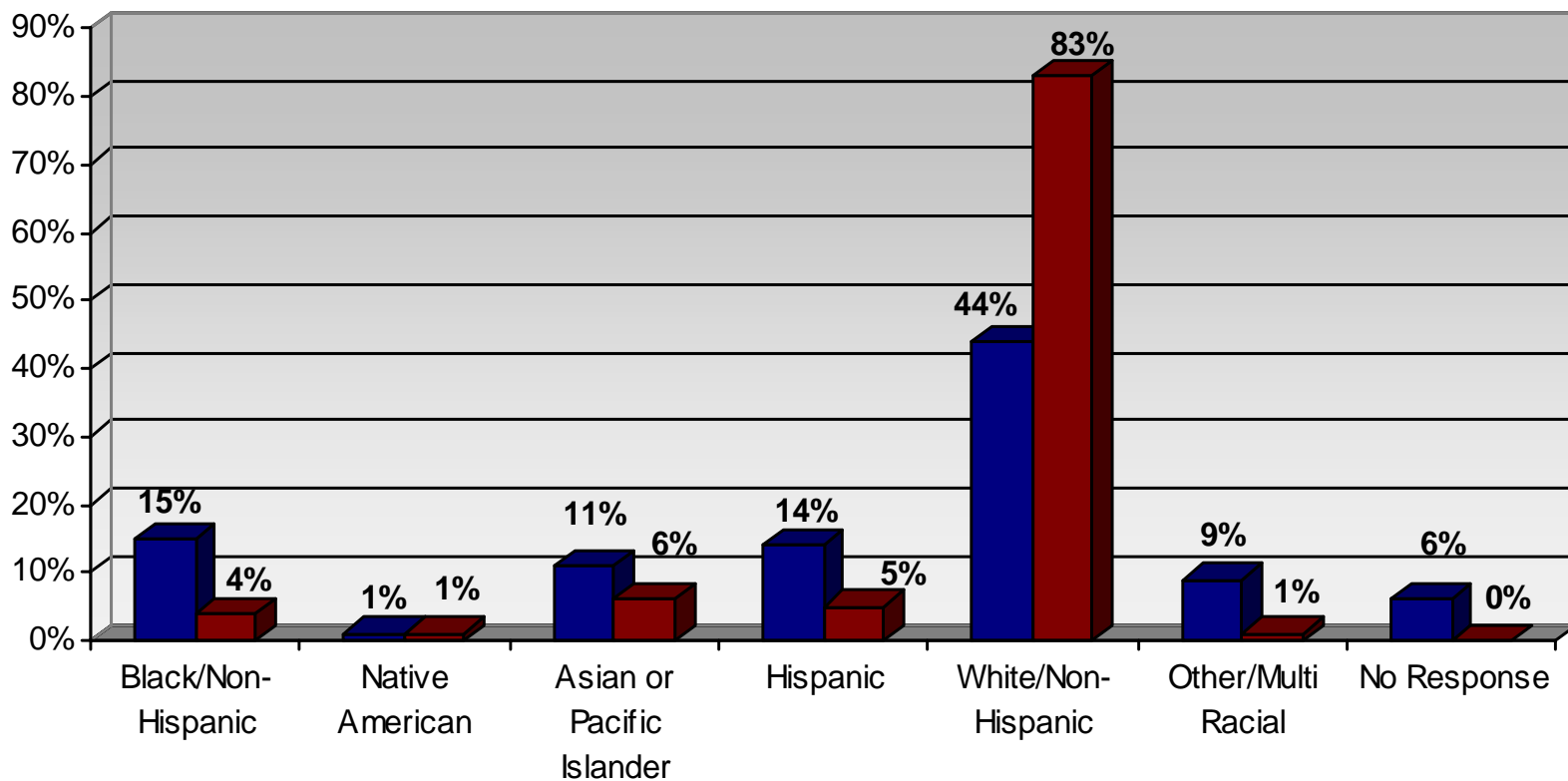
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■ Gilman Recipients ■ National Study Abroad*

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Ethnicity



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Top Two-Year Institutions

Applications Received

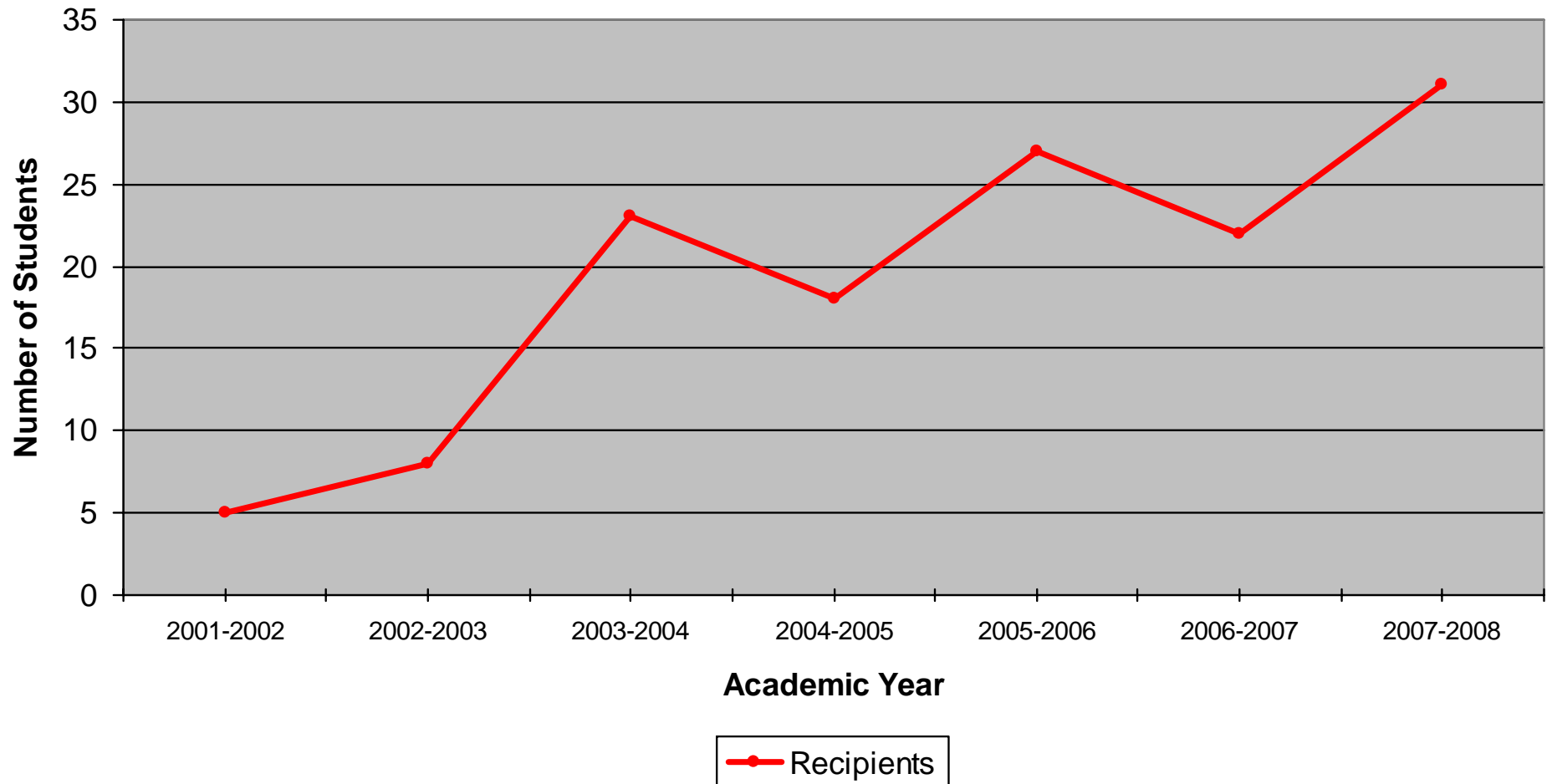
2007-2008 Academic Year

- San Diego City College, CA – 11
- Citrus College, CA – 9
- Santa Monica College, CA – 8
- Central Oregon Community College, OR – 5
- Tacoma Community College, WA – 5

Gilman Recipients at Two-Year Institutions

- Awards to students attending a two-year institution increased 41% this year over last year.
- The percentage of awards to students at a two-year institution has doubled since the inception of the program

Gilman Recipients from Two Year Institutions



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