

February 4, 2011

Dear International Students and Scholars,

Some students have received e-mail messages informing them that they won the Diversity Lottery. Please note that most, if not all, of these communications are fraudulent.

Below are some facts to help you determine if the messages you receive are scams or not.

- 1) This year's Diversity Lottery results will be announced on or after May 1, 2011 at the Department of State's official Diversity Lottery website at <http://www.dvlottery.state.gov>.
- 2) The Department of State does not send any form of notification to individuals selected in the lottery. Rather, lottery entrants must check the official Diversity Lottery website to learn whether their application was chosen.
- 3) The Department of State does not use or authorize any outside individual or entity to accept lottery applications or operate the Diversity Lottery program.
- 4) The Department of State does not charge an application fee for Diversity Lottery entries.

If you receive an e-mail message about the Diversity Lottery, you should **never** respond by sending personal information or money. Instead, you should delete such messages immediately!

For further information about Diversity Lottery fraud, please visit the Federal Trade Commission's website: www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/alerts/alt003.shtm

Sincerely,
Ellen Dussourd

