

## Christina McConnell Scholarship Programme (Ugandan Nationals Only)

**Purpose: To promote excellence by offering a full scholarship to an exceptionally achieving Ugandan student, of secondary age who is financially, socially and economically disadvantaged.**

The International School of Uganda (ISU) invites applications for its Scholarship Programme. The prospective candidates are profiled as deserving Ugandan nationals of secondary school age. They are students who are financially, socially, and economically disadvantaged. They are orphaned, or otherwise lacking parental support. They are students who demonstrate high scholastic and emotional maturity, who are talented and gifted individuals and who have the aptitude to thrive in an international setting and become future community and business leaders in Uganda.

ISU will provide a scholarship for a successful candidate for a maximum of 3 ¼ years. Due to the differences between the Ugandan and IB Programmes it is recommended that the student enter at the end of Grade 9 or the start of Grade 10.

### SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

For the years, 2019 – 2023, ISU will offer a full Scholarship covering 100% of the school fees. The following will be included:

- The student will receive a laptop and may receive internet access if required.
- A “settling in” stipend will also be paid to the student so that they may also purchase items, which will allow them to settle into life at ISU.
- The scholarship committee also aim to send the student on a foreign trip whilst at ISU; funds permitting.
- Travel to and from school is available provided the student can get to an ISU bus route and lunch can be provided if required.

Selection for the successful candidate will be made by February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 after the Uganda Certificate Examinations (UCE) results are announced. The selected candidate would join ISU in April 2019. The initial course will facilitate the development in spoken and written English, mathematics, skills essential to using a library and information technology and practical science.

### ACCOMMODATION

It must be noted that the scholarship does not include accommodation. Accommodation in a secure environment that allows the student to study must be provided or secured by the organization that is recommending the student. Proof of address will be required for a successful student. ISU aims to work in partnership with recommending organisations to provide the scholarship student with the best education and a pathway to higher education.

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## SELECTION CRITERIA

- **Nationality**
  - Ugandan by birth
- **Status**
  - Economically and / or socially disadvantaged
  - Secondary School age (15 – 18 years)
- **Academic**
  - Educated to O Level
  - Must have achieved first grade or good second grade at O Level
  - Demonstrate talents and aptitudes outside the classroom
  - Proficiency in written and spoken English
- **Character**
  - Eagerness and determination to overcome adversity and a desire to succeed
  - Leadership qualities
  - Willingness to adapt
- **Health**
  - Verification of sufficient good health
- **Accommodation**
  - Proof of residence or assurances of accommodation through recommending organisation in the form of a letter or contract (required for initial application).

## APPLICATION PROCESS

The Scholarship Committee is inviting institutions and organizations that are interested in this programme to recommend individuals who they think fit the criteria and who could flourish within an international setting. The submission date for applications is February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### STAGE 1

Each applicant is required to submit the following in this initial application period:

1. Scholarship Application Form
2. Character Reference - the recommending NGO / Organization must provide a recommendation letter, which details the applicant's character, previous successes and their ability to adapt. Please provide contact details of the NGO organization in the letter.
3. Proof of Residence or Assurance of Accommodation - a letter, which assures ISU that the student can be housed in a safe and secure location, which is conducive to study throughout the duration of the scholarship. Details of the accommodation should be supplied.

Applicants should send all required details, for the attention of the Senior School Principal, via email to [ssprincipal@isumail.ac.ug](mailto:ssprincipal@isumail.ac.ug).

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## STAGE 2

Successful candidates will only be contacted and will be asked to submit the following documentation:

1. O Level UCE certificate – certified copies
2. Past school reports – certified copies
3. School ID copy
4. Letter of recommendation from School Principal / Headmaster
5. Birth Certificate / Passport copy

Contacted applicants should send all required details, for the attention of the Senior School Principal, via email to [ssprincipal@isumail.ac.ug](mailto:ssprincipal@isumail.ac.ug).

The Scholarship committee will review only fully completed applications. Applicants, who qualify, will then be invited to conduct the following assessments at ISU at a given date:

1. An academic essay conducted on site
2. Math test conducted on site
3. General knowledge test conducted on site
4. An interview by the Scholarship Committee

### Important Dates

- Submission date for application is February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- Selection of a successful candidate will be made by February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to commence Grade 9 in April 2019.

## APPROVING SCHOLARSHIPS

All documentation will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee and **only successful applicants will be contacted.**

## OTHER

### University Placements and Scholarships

The College Counsellor will provide individual counselling and family counselling from Grade 11 in preparation for possible future university placements. Scholarship Programmes will be considered in terms of applicability and suitability however, no guarantee of a university scholarship can be made at ISU.

ISU reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship should the student fail to meet the initially agreed criteria any time during the course of the programme.

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