

ISU Merit & Needs Based Scholarship Programme

Purpose: To promote excellence by offering a partial scholarship to exceptionally achieving students.

The ISU scholarship programme aims to provide a pre-university education of international standards to academically gifted students commencing the Diploma Programme. The scholarships will be awarded for a two-year period. Students whose school fees are fully paid through an outside source are not eligible for this scholarship. The programme seeks to identify students who have the aptitude to thrive in an international setting, set a good example to their peers and become future leaders in their community and without this scholarship would not be able to financially attend ISU.

Scholarships will be considered for the following:

- Academic
- Arts (one or more of Visual Arts, Drama, Music)
- Sports

Scholarship Details

For the years 2024-26 ISU will offer Scholarship Merit Awards, covering a maximum of 75% of school fees for self-funding parents (for partial self-payers, the scholarship awarded will apply to the self-funded portion only).

Scholarship Awarded for Grade 11 & 12	School Fee Per Year 2024-26	Scholarship Value	Payment Amount
60%	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 19,200.00	\$ 12,800.00
70%	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 22,400.00	\$ 9,600.00
75%	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 8,000.00

*Please note fees will increase each year, so this should only be used as a guideline.

- The bus transport fee will be waived.
- The capital development fee will be waived for students applying from outside ISU only.
- Students are expected to supply their own Mac laptop for use at school.
- The Scholarship includes the cost of participation at the relevant ISSEA event in both grades 11 & 12. Please note this covers the costs of 2 travel ISSEA events per year for the sports scholarship and 1 travel ISSEA trip per year for academic and arts scholarship (which must be an Arts ISSEA for the arts scholarship).
- All documentation, excluding financial information, will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee. Financial information should be forwarded directly to the Business Manager. Once the Scholarship Committee has deemed that a student is a good candidate for the scholarship, the Business Manager and Head of School, will review the Financial Assistance form and accompanying documentation to determine the level of financial need. They will determine this and pass this information to the Scholarship Committee.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- **Nationality**
 - Open to all Nationalities
- **Status**
 - Entering Grades 11 and 12
 - Full IB Diploma candidates
- **Details required for Specific Scholarships**
 - **Academic Scholarship**
 - Academically talented students often show high levels of abstract thinking, verbal and numerical reasoning, spatial relations, rapid information processing, memory, and word fluency. A student's demonstrated ability to be flexible and cooperative, and demonstrated commitment to performance and high academic standards are seen as essential selection requirements. At ISU we look for these identified qualities and abilities when making the decision to admit students to the programme.
 - Students applying for academic scholarships should show demonstrated ability to foster advanced analytical, critical and creative thinking skills essential to achieving success in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme (DP).
 - A key feature of ISU DP Programmes is student involvement in the Creativity, Action, and Service (CAS) Programme. A scholarship student would need to demonstrate their interest and ability to be actively engaged in being involved in public speaking and debating; sporting, scientific, mathematical and arts competitions and events; student leadership programs; and service to community.
 - ISU scholarship students should strive to engage in rigorous and stimulating learning and enrichment experiences both within and beyond the classroom.
 - **Academic Requirements**
 - Achieved a Distinction of:
 - 1 or 2 in all Uganda Certificate of Education O-Level subjects; or
 - A's in all University of Cambridge International Examinations IGCSE subjects; or
 - 6-7's in all subjects of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years ProgrammeISU would require certified copies of the above results.
 - Demonstrated outstanding talents and aptitudes outside the classroom
 - Achieved a high proficiency in written and spoken English
 - Demonstrate a commitment to learning languages other than English
 - **Arts Scholarship (one or more of Visual Arts, Drama, Music)**
 - ISU invites talented visual arts, drama and music students to apply for the Arts Scholarship. Students will have access to quality resources, experienced

teachers, and will be encouraged to develop mentoring relationships with professionals who excel in their chosen field.

- Students applying for Art Scholarships should strive to develop their ability and love for the arts through creation, analysis, performance and reflection.
- Talented students will have the opportunity to pursue their endeavours within and beyond the classroom.
- **Academic Requirements for the Arts**
 - Achieved a Distinction of:
 - A minimum of 3 Credits per subject for the Uganda Certificate of Education O-Level subjects; or
 - B's in all University of Cambridge International Examinations IGCSE subjects; or
 - 5's in all subjects of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme with a distinction of 7 or As in the Arts.

ISU would require certified copies of the above results.
 - Demonstrated outstanding talents and aptitudes outside the classroom in the area of Arts.
 - Achieved a high proficiency in written and spoken English
 - Demonstrate a commitment to learning languages other than English
 - Additional awards or recognition in the Arts.

o Sports Scholarship

- ISU is committed to nurturing talent and developing raw ability. We encourage young athletes to apply who demonstrate high performance in a nominated sport/s; and are required to demonstrate high leadership and academic skills.
- At ISU we encourage all our athletes to strive for continuous self-improvement and optimise their sporting potential, and in doing so, boost the performance of the school.
- **Academic Requirements for Sports**
 - Achieved a Distinction of:
 - A minimum of 3 Credits per subject for the Uganda Certificate of Education O-Level subjects; or
 - B's in all University of Cambridge International Examinations IGCSE subjects; or
 - 5's in all subjects of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme with a distinction of 7 or As in Sports.

ISU would require certified copies of the above results.
 - Demonstrated outstanding talents and aptitudes outside the classroom in the area of Sports.
 - Achieved a high proficiency in written and spoken English
 - Demonstrate a commitment to learning languages other than English
 - Additional awards or recognition in the Sports.

- Every scholarship student will be encouraged to participate in ISSEA activities.
- Students should demonstrate that they exemplify the attributes of the IB Learner Profile and the [ISU Learning Principles](#).

- **Knowledge of International Baccalaureate Programmes**
Students should inform themselves about the International Baccalaureate Programmes and its expectations (www.ibo.org)
- **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.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Complete Scholarship Application Pack and send to scholarship@isumail.ac.ug:
 - a. **Documentation - for students from outside of ISU**
 - i. Scholarship Application Form
 - ii. Copy of School ID card
 - iii. Letter of recommendation from School Principal
 - iv. School reports from the past 3 years
 - v. 'O' Level result slip/IGCSE official result/provisional results if attending a school who will sit their IGCSE's in May
 - vi. Birth certificate/passport
 - vii. Student Personal Statement
 - viii. A portfolio of work that could include videos and photosAll official documentation needs to be stamped and certified.
 - b. **Documentation - students from ISU**
 - i. Scholarship Application Form
 - ii. Past school reports
 - iii. Nominations from classroom teacher
 - iv. Nomination from the Senior School Principal
 - v. Student Personal Statement
 - vi. A portfolio of work that could include videos and photos
 - vii. Interview with scholarship committee
2. The Scholarship committee will review only fully completed applications. Applicants from outside ISU who qualify, may be invited to conduct the following assessments at ISU at a given date:
 - a. An academic essay conducted on site
 - b. Maths test conducted on site
 - c. General knowledge test conducted on site
3. Applicants who qualify will then be requested to complete the Financial Assistance Form and submit this via email to the Business Manager.
4. Applicants who qualify will then be invited for an interview.

Applicants wishing to be considered must send their application form to the Scholarship Committee.

- **Important Dates**

- Submission date for application is Thursday 21st March 2024.
- Selection of a successful candidate will be made by Thursday 28th March 2024 to commence Grade 11 in August 2024.

Applicants are expected to submit applications electronically. Only successful applicants will be contacted.

APPROVING SCHOLARSHIPS

The Head of School and Business Manager will award the amount of funding that will be considered for each approved application. Simultaneously, the Scholarship Committee will review the rest of the application and make final decisions on recipients.

OTHER

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 Diploma.

ISU reserves the right to adapt the above criteria and timeline, and to decide the number of scholarships to be awarded or not to award a scholarship in any given year.