

ISU Merit & Needs-Based Scholarship Programme

2026–2028 Cohort: For Students Entering Grade 11 in August 2026

The International School of Uganda (ISU) is proud to offer **2 Merit & Needs-Based Scholarships** for exceptional students entering the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP).

Our scholarships recognise outstanding achievement in:

- **Academics**
- **Arts** (Visual Arts, Drama, Music)
- **Sports**

These awards support talented students who demonstrate strong character, leadership potential, and financial need.

Scholarships are awarded for the full two years of the IB Diploma Programme (Grades 11 and 12).

What the Scholarship Offers

For the 2026–2028 cohort, ISU will offer partial scholarships covering up to 75% of school fees. For families who are partial self-payers, the scholarship applies only to the self-funded portion.

Estimated Annual Fee Guidance*

Award Level	Estimated Annual Fee	Scholarship Value	Estimated Family Contribution
60%	\$38,700	\$23,220	\$15,480
70%	\$38,700	\$27,090	\$11,610
75%	\$38,700	\$29,025	\$9,675

*Fees are subject to annual review and adjustment.

Additional Benefits

- **Bus transport fees waived**
- **Capital Development Fee waived** (for students applying from outside ISU)
- ISSEA participation costs covered:
 - Sports: Up to **2 travel ISSEA events per year**
 - Academic & Arts: **1 travel ISSEA event per year**
- Access to ISU's full academic, arts, leadership, and enrichment programmes

Please note: Students are required to provide their own Mac laptop.

Who Should Apply?

We are looking for students who:

- Demonstrate exceptional ability in academics, arts, or sports
- Show leadership potential and strong character
- Reflect the IB Learner Profile attributes
- Are committed to service and community engagement
- Would not be able to attend ISU without financial support

Students whose full tuition is externally sponsored are not eligible.

Open to **all nationalities**.

Applicants must be entering **Grade 11 in August 2026** as full IB Diploma candidates.

Scholarship Categories

Academic Scholarship

For students with outstanding academic achievement and intellectual curiosity.

Ideal candidates demonstrate:

- Strong analytical and critical thinking skills
- High academic standards and motivation
- Engagement in debate, competitions, leadership, and service
- Commitment to the IB CAS Programme

Academic Benchmarks

One of the following:

- Distinction (1 or 2) in all UCE O-Level subjects
- A grades in all Cambridge IGCSE subjects
- 6–7 in all IB MYP subjects

Arts Scholarship (Visual Arts, Drama, Music)

For creatively gifted students with a passion for artistic excellence.

Scholars benefit from:

- Experienced arts faculty
- High-quality facilities
- Performance and exhibition opportunities
- Potential mentorship connections

Academic Benchmarks

One of the following:

- Minimum 2 Credits per subject at UCE O-Level
- C grades in all Cambridge IGCSE subjects
- Minimum 4 in IB MYP subjects

Art Portfolio submission required.

Sports Scholarship

For high-performing student-athletes who demonstrate both sporting excellence and leadership.

Scholars are expected to:

- Represent ISU with integrity
- Contribute to school sports performance
- Demonstrate academic commitment

Academic Benchmarks

One of the following:

- Minimum 2 Credits per subject at UCE O-Level
- C grades in all Cambridge IGCSE subjects
- Minimum 4 in IB MYP subjects

Evidence of sporting achievement required.

Financial Review Process

ISU scholarships are both **merit-based and needs-based**.

- The Scholarship Committee reviews all merit documentation.
- The Business Manager and Head of School review financial documentation separately.
- Funding levels are determined based on demonstrated financial need.

All financial documentation is treated confidentially.

Application Process

Applications must be submitted electronically to: scholarship@isumail.ac.ug

Required Documentation (Outside Applicants)

- Completed Scholarship Application Form
- School reports (past 3 years)
- Official exam results
- Principal recommendation
- Personal statement
- Portfolio (if applicable)
- Certified copies of official documents

Shortlisted candidates may be invited for:

- On-site assessments
- An interview
- Submission of [Financial Assistance documentation](#)

ISU Students

Current ISU students submit:

- Application Form
- Reports
- Teacher nominations
- Personal statement
- Portfolio

Only fully completed applications will be reviewed.

Important Dates

- **Application Deadline:** Friday, 20 March 2026
- **Notification of Successful Applicants:** Friday, 27 March 2026
- **Grade 11 Begins:** August 2026

Only successful applicants will be contacted.

A Commitment to Growth

Scholarship recipients are expected to:

- Maintain academic and behavioural standards
- Participate actively in school life
- Embody the IB Learner Profile
- Contribute positively to the ISU community

ISU reserves the right to withdraw scholarships if agreed standards are not maintained.

Preparing for the Future

From Grade 11, students receive personalised university counselling support. While ISU supports students in exploring external scholarship opportunities, university scholarships cannot be guaranteed.

Discover Your Potential at ISU

At ISU, we believe excellence should be nurtured and opportunity should be accessible.

If your child is ready to challenge themselves, lead with integrity, and thrive in an international academic environment, we encourage you to apply.

For more information, please contact: scholarship@isumail.ac.ug