



Scholarship Program

Purpose, Objectives, and Implementation

## Overview

As an IB World School, The International School of Belgrade recognizes the importance of diversity in its student population, building strong community ties, and promoting academic excellence. We are afforded a unique opportunity to provide financial assistance to academically promising individuals who would not, under normal circumstances, attend ISB. By offering a scholarship program, our school provides for one student from the local population to attend our school, free of charge, for their four years of high school.

## Purpose

The ISB Scholarship Program offers the opportunity of earning an International Baccalaureate Diploma to one local student each year. Students will be chosen based on a combination of academic excellence, involvement in extracurricular activities and financial need. This program further reinforces ISB's commitment to the themes of its mission statement, as it seeks to inspire, equip and empowers its students to succeed and contribute positively to society. It is designed to make ISB a more integrated part of its host country, and it promotes the acquisition of knowledge as a key component to the human experience.

## Cost

The ISB Scholarship Award covers the following costs:

- Tuition Fee
- Capital Fee
- Application and Registration Fees
- IB exams
- Books
- Expenses related to transportation and boarding costs for curricular and co-curricular activities
- University applications

The Scholarship does not cover costs listed below:

- Daily transportation to and from school
- Daily meals, or meals served on school trips
- Optional field trips
- Non-school related expenses
- Scientific Calculator

## Administration of Scholarships

The Scholarship Committee at ISB includes the Director, Finance and Business Director, the Upper School Principal, the Admissions Coordinator, and members of the High School Faculty. The committee members are responsible for designing and administering the application process. Additionally, they will assist in interviewing applicants and help determine the recipient of the scholarship. The Finance and Business Director will be responsible for the oversight of all aspects of the financial documentation.

## Mentor Program

In order to facilitate the transition into ISB, each scholarship recipient will have a mentor. The mentor's role will include initial orientation, periodic meetings to discuss both successes and struggles, and liaising with the high school counsellor to help track progress throughout the recipient's first year.

## Guidelines

1. All scholarship students are expected to participate in the International Baccalaureate Program, which culminates with the internationally recognized IB Diploma upon successful completion of the program in grade 12.
2. Scholarships are awarded to students based on financial need and their academic abilities. Other factors for consideration include community involvement, extracurricular activities, gender balance and ethical behavior.
3. Scholarships are awarded only upon full disclosure of all family resources as requested by the Scholarship Committee. Such information remains confidential.
4. Financial need is evaluated using a uniform methodology, and awards are adjusted if necessary.
5. Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis without regard to color, race, religion, and sex.
6. The school will continue to fund a student through graduation provided the student continues to perform at an acceptable social and academic level, unless the student no longer demonstrates financial need.
7. The school anticipates exemplary behavior and performance from all its students.
8. The scholarship program is open to any Serbian student who is not currently, or has previously been enrolled in ISB.
9. Scholarship is reserved for one student entering grade 9 with very strong English skills as indicated by grades and writing samples, as well as the entrance tests scores.

## Criteria for Selection

- A citizen of the Republic of Serbia
- Proof of successful previous academic performance
- Proof of extracurricular involvement
- Living with parents/ legal guardians
- Strong results on ISB Entrance Examination
- Successful personal interview
- Financial need

## Admissions Process – Documents Required

- Scholarship Application Form (downloaded from the ISB website).
- An essay written by the student in original English, describing why the applicant wants to attend ISB.
- A letter of intent from the parents (in English).
- Grade transcripts for the last three years of the applicant's studies in both Serbian and officially translated into English (Grade 6, Grade 7 and first semester of Grade 8)
- Letters of recommendation from two teachers from current school in English (include original in Serbian if translated).
- Scholarship Financial Application Form (downloaded from the ISB website).
- Official statement from each of the parents' current employers with the yearly gross/net income OR Yearly Tax Statement for the self-employed parents.
- Copy of the student's birth certificate or passport.
- Copies of mother's and father's passports/ Serbian IDs.

NOTE: Please DO NOT enclose the original documents to your application, as they will not be returned. The short-listed candidates will be asked to present the original documents.

Application language is English.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

## Timeline for Admissions Process / Selection of Finalists

- **All documents for application must be submitted in one package.**
- **Deadline for application is April 5, 2018.**
- Following the application process and the collection of required documentation, a short list of eligible candidates will be created.
- Only short listed candidates will be contacted for interviews and placement testing. (All applicants will be informed of their status.)
- Following the interviews and placement testing, the Scholarship Committee will convene and make a final decision.