

ISB 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 implementing a scholarship program to provide this financial assistance, our school would provide for two students from the local population to attend our school, free of charge, for their four years of high school.

The International School of Belgrade is an independent, co-educational international day school that enrolls students ages three to eighteen. ISB provides a high-quality, college-preparatory education with an emphasis on internationalism and global responsibility.

ISB is committed to being a Diverse, Equitable and Inclusive school community and will actively seek to embody these values in all aspects of school life.

ISB is committed to being proactive in promoting Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, where we consider:

<u>Diversity</u> to be the representation of different and unique identities, characteristics, experiences and perspectives.

<u>Equity</u> is ensuring everyone has what they need to succeed by increasing access, resources, and opportunities for all; especially for those who are underrepresented and have been historically disadvantaged.

<u>Inclusion</u> to represent a welcoming culture in which differences are celebrated and everyone is valued, respected, and able to reach their full potential.

Purpose

The ISB Scholarship Program seeks to offer the opportunity of earning an International Baccalaureate diploma to two local students each year. Students will be chosen based on a combination of academic excellence and financial need. This program will further reinforce ISB's commitment to the themes of its mission statement, as it seeks to inspire, equip and empower 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 related to curricular and co-curricular activities
- University applications

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.

<u>Guidelines</u>

- 1. All scholarship students are expected to participate in the International Baccalaureate Programme, which culminates with the internationally recognized IB Diploma upon successful completion of the programme 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 gender.
- 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 school expects all scholarship students to be ambassadors for the school and be involved in activities that promote the reputation of the school.
- 9. The scholarship program is open to any Serbian student who is not currently, or has previously been enrolled in ISB.
- 10. Scholarships are reserved for two students entering grade 9 with very strong English skills as indicated by grades and personal statement.

Criteria for Selection

- Currently completing Grade 8 and entering Grade 9 in the 2024-2025 school year
- A citizen of the Republic of Serbia
- Proof of successful previous academic performance
- Proof of extracurricular involvement
- Living with parents/legal guardians
- Financial need
- Successful personal interview

Good luck, and if you have any further questions, please contact us at admissions@isb.rs.