

Christina McConnell Scholarship Programme (Ugandan Nationals Only)

Purpose: To promote excellence by offering a full scholarship to an exceptional young Ugandan who is a strong academic from a socio-economically disadvantaged background and who has the potential to thrive in an international setting and become a future leader in Uganda.

The International School of Uganda (ISU) invites applications for its Scholarship Programme. The prospective candidates are profiled as Ugandan nationals of secondary school age who are financially, socially, and economically disadvantaged. 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 leaders in Uganda.

ISU will provide a scholarship for a successful candidate until graduation from ISU. A scholarship is available for one S3 (Ugandan Senior 3) and one S4 (Ugandan Senior 4) candidate for each academic year.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

ISU will offer a full Scholarship covering 100% of the school fees. The following will be included:

- Accommodation will be provided with an ISU host family if required.
- Travel to and from school will be provided.
- A settling-in allowance will be provided to the student so that they may purchase items needed to settle into life at ISU.
- A monthly allowance for basic needs is provided.
- The student will receive a laptop and internet access if required.
- School lunch will be provided.
- Costs associated with school-related extracurricular activities and/or field trips are covered by the school.

Selection for the successful candidate will be made by the end of March. Senior 3 candidates will enter Grade 9 and Senior 4 candidates will enter Grade 10 in April of the application year.

The selected candidates will join ISU in April.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- **Nationality**
 - Ugandan by birth
- **Status**
 - Economically and / or socially disadvantaged
 - Secondary School age (14 – 18 years)
 - Please note that ISU employees' children are not eligible to apply
- **Academic**
 - Successfully completed S3 or S4
 - Strong academic reports and Uganda Certificate Examinations (UCE) results (S4 only)

Mission statement: We learn together to unlock the opportunities of a changing world

Authorised: International Baccalaureate Organisation, **Accredited:** Council of International Schools and Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools

- Demonstrate talents and involvement in the community
- 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
- **Financial, Accommodation and Guardianship**
 - Proof of household income, household expenses, assets and cost of current schooling
 - Proof of current residence
 - Details of guardianship

APPLICATION PROCESS

STAGE 1

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

1. Scholarship Application Form, which includes:
 - Motivation letter
 - Financial information
2. A teacher or head of school recommendation
3. Certified School Report Cards for the last 3 years for S3 and S4 Uganda Certificate Examinations (UCE) results (for S4 candidates).

Applicants should send all required details by 28th February 2020, addressed to the Senior School Principal by email application to scholarship@isumail.ac.ug or in person to ISU front office.

Please note that the Scholarship Committee will only review fully completed applications.

STAGE 2

Stage 1 Successful candidates **only** will be contacted and will be asked to submit the following additional documentation by 16th March 2020:

1. Detailed application including personal information
2. Identification documentation (e.g. School ID, passport, national ID, birth certificate)

Applicants who qualify will be invited to a selection day at ISU at a given date:

1. Academic assessments
2. Collaborative task
3. An interview by the Scholarship Committee

Important Dates

- Stage 1 application deadline is 28th February 2020
- Stage 2 application deadline is 16th March 2020
- Selection of successful candidates will be made by April.

APPROVING SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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 by ISU.

SCHOLARSHIP WITHDRAWAL

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.

ISU reserves the right to adapt the above criteria at any time and to decide if a scholarship will be awarded or not in any given year.