



# QSI International School of Suriname Scholarship Policy

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## Statement of Purpose

**To promote diversity, academic excellence, and to make the school accessible to more families, the QSI International School of Suriname offers scholarships to families of Suriname and Third Country Nationals who might otherwise not have the chance to attend.**

## Scholarship Guidelines

- 1) Scholarships are prioritized for Surinamese and Third Country Nationals who demonstrate academic potential, financial need, and have a desire for an international school education.
- 2) The monetary value of the scholarship is based on the family's demonstrated financial need and the funds available from school.
- 3) Scholarship awards are applied to the Capital Fund Fee and Tuition only. Other reoccurring fees (such as lunch, bus, AP Exam fees) are the family's responsibility.
- 4) Scholarships are not available for students in the preschool program.
- 5) School budget for scholarships: The *total funds* available for scholarships each year will not exceed 10% of the amount of fees invoiced for full fee-paying students (this does not include Capital Fund or pre-school fees). If there is an insufficient quantity of qualifying applicants, the scholarship amount utilized may be less than the allotted 10% referenced above.
- 6) The decision to grant and/or revoke a scholarship will be made by the school's Advisory Board.
- 7) Students with a revoked scholarship may continue their studies as non-scholarship students whose parents pay full tuition.

## Determination of Eligibility

- 1) An applicant will only be considered if their employer does not offer full support of educational expenses.
- 2) A measure of academic potential to include current school record and necessary testing. These tests may be administered in the following areas: Mathematics and English proficiency (written expression, reading comprehension and verbal expression).
- 3) Assessment of financial need will be based on the applicant's annual income:  
*Surinamese family's* income is defined by the combined income of both parents or legal guardians. Income is verified by the appropriate local government agency for the year prior to desired enrollment.

*Expatriates' taxable income* is established by a statement covering worldwide income, along with a tax statement/return, for the year prior to the desired enrollment, from the country where the applicant is paying taxes. Forms must be translated into English. A notarized statement of benefits verified by the employer stating salary and other benefits is an acceptable alternative.

*Self-employed individuals* will be assessed based on the previous year's income based on the appropriate descriptions above.

## Duration of Award

Scholarships are awarded on a one-year basis. Reapplication for subsequent years is encouraged. Applications for renewal are processed prior to new applications.

## Scholarship Renewal

Scholarship renewal is not guaranteed year-to-year. The Advisory Board will make annual decisions regarding new scholarships and scholarship renewal. Denial or renewal will be based on funds availability and the student's academic and behavioral performance. Families will be notified of renewal decision as soon as possible.

**Academic Excellence:** The student must show evidence of being a solid student, and one for whom an internal school education is important. Expectations include:

- Maintenance of status report: No D grades.
- A consensus by the student's teacher that students demonstrate age-appropriate traits of scholarship, including curiosity and a pursuit of understanding.

**Social Excellence:** The student demonstrates a commitment to social excellence by:

- Maintaining Successful or Exemplary status on each Success Orientation each quintile.
- Maintaining Academic Integrity. Scholarships will immediately be revoked for any scholarship student found guilty of cheating or plagiarizing.
- Evidence of student leadership which may include participation in After School Activities and taking a leadership role in and/or out of the classroom.

**Attendance:** The student will maintain his/her attendance by:

- Showing a consistent positive attendance pattern (including tardies).
- Applying to the Advisory Board for special consideration due to extended absences if he/she wishes to have their scholarship renewed.

**Parental Involvement:** Parents of scholarship students will be expected to support the school and be an active participant in their child's educational endeavors. Examples of parental involvement include attending Parent/Teacher conferences, volunteering to support after school activities, being involved in the Parent Support Group (PSG), etc.

### Appeal Process:

If a scholarship renewal is denied, the family may appeal the decision of the Advisory Board. The appeal should be directed to the school Director, who will present it to the Advisory Board. Due to the funding cycle of scholarships, the deadline for presenting an appeal to the Director is two weeks after having received notice of the decision not to renew.

### Cancellation of Award:

QSI reserves the right to review, revise, or cancel awards at any time due to changes in financial status or discovery of incorrect or falsified information.

### Responsibilities:

#### **The Director of the QSI International School of Suriname will:**

1. Compile a list of potential candidates based on applications, interview, necessary testing, and other relevant sources of information.
2. Provide the list of potential scholarship candidates, with supporting documents, to the Advisory Board
3. Notify all potential candidates regarding the decision of the Advisory Board.
4. Provide written notification to parents of students who do not meet the criteria for scholarship renewal within two weeks of the Advisory Board's decision.
5. Send information each term regarding the Academic, Social and Attendance status of the student. Parents may request a meeting at any time.
6. Meet with the scholarship student at the beginning of the school year to discuss the guidelines and how the student's behavior and academic performance will be monitored.
7. Monitor the behavior and academic performance of the scholarship students.
8. Meet with the scholarship students regularly to discuss their progress.
9. Provide assistance to students who are having academic difficulties when necessary.
10. Provide the Advisory Board with regular updates about scholarship recipients.

#### **The Advisory Board of the QSI International School of Suriname will:**

- 1) Review the short list of new scholarship applicants recommended by the school Director to determine which student(s) will be awarded a scholarship, and what part of tuition cost the scholarship will cover.
- 2) Review the report of Scholarship Renewal Candidates to determine if any scholarships will be revoked or renewed.
- 3) Define dates in the "Application Timetable" section of the Scholarship Application for each school year.
- 4) Revise the scholarship policy and scholarship application as needed.

## PARENT AND STUDENT AGREEMENT

I have read and agree to comply with the requirements set forth in the QSI International School of Suriname Scholarship Policy.

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Parent 1 (Name & Signature)

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Date

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Parent 2 (Name & Signature)

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Date

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Student (Name & Signature)

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Date

### Acceptance of Signed Agreement

The signature below indicates the School Administrator has explained the QSI International School of Suriname Scholarship Policy to the student and parent, witnessed the signing of the agreement by the student and parent, and has provided the parent a copy of the signed agreement and policy.

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School Director (Name & Signature)

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Date