American International School of Lusaka

Every student thrives

About the AISL Merit Based Scholarship

The American International School of Lusaka's (AISL) Merit-Based Scholarship Programme is designed to provide highly capable and motivated Zambian children with an opportunity to attend the High School at AISL and earn an American High School Diploma, as well as pursue the prestigious International Baccalaureate Middle Years and Diploma Programmes, which lead to university admission.

AISL Merit Scholars will be expected to perform at a very high level academically and to participate in community and service, a comprehensive co-curricular programme, a mentoring programme, and to have the potential to become future change-makers.

AISL will provide Merit Scholars with full AISL tuition fees, a loaned laptop and calculator, library membership, transport to and from school, examination and university application fees, university and scholarship guidance, and opportunities to participate in fully-funded school-sponsored trips within Zambia and overseas*.

The scholarship does not include boarding, housing, or financial assistance after leaving the school, or financing beyond that stipulated in the scholarship contract.

*Dependent upon any health, travel, or academic restrictions

Additional information about AISL can be found at www.aislusaka.org.

Come and join our diverse and dynamic school community!

Website: www.aislusaka.org
Email: scholarship@aislusaka.org
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How Can I Become an AISL Merit Scholar?

AISL expects to offer a scholarship place for an outstanding student to join the High School in August 2026.

To qualify for the scholarship, you must be:

- a Zambian citizen;
- an outstanding student who is expecting to achieve excellent results on the Gr. 9 Junior Secondary School Leaving Examinations (JSSLE) or equivalent;
- able to show evidence of leadership and a commitment to the arts, sports, and/or community service;
- a resident of Lusaka;
- born between:
  1 August 2011 - 31 July 2012.



How to Apply

Applicants will be expected to complete and submit the AISL Merit Based Application and return it to the AISL Admissions Office no later than January 31st 2026.

A complete application will consist of all of the following:

- Completed Application Form (signed by applicant and parent/guardian);
- Copy of the child's birth certificate or passport;
- Most recent school report;
- Completed Writing Assignment;
- Completed Mathematics Assignment.

Completed applications can be hand-delivered to the Admissions Office at the American International School of Lusaka, or emailed to scholarship@aislusaka.org .

Interested Applicants

- Pick up an application packet from the AISL Secondary School Gate or download an application packet from www.aislusaka.org
- Complete and submit all admission requirements by Friday December 5th, 2025.
- For more information, or to book a school tour, contact scholarship@aislusaka.org, Phone/WhatsApp 0973 937 629

Application Process

Deadline	Activity
January 31, 2026	Completed application and documents must be submitted to the AISL Admissions Office.
February 27, 2026	Deadline to submit: • JSSLE Exam Results (if taken) • December 2025 School Report • Financial Verification Information
March/April	Shortlisted candidates will be invited to the AISL campus to complete the following assessments: • Mathematics - testing mathematical skills and problem-solving • English - testing reading comprehension, language skills, and writing skills • Presentation skills - assessing communication, thinking skills, and motivation
March/April 2026	Committee review applications based upon internal qualifying criteria.
April 2026	Home visits conducted with Merit Scholar Finalists and their families.
April /May 2026	Winning candidate(s) will be invited to interview with the Scholarship Selection Committee. The purpose of the interview is to show parents/guardians and the candidate a full picture of the school and its programmes, to understand what the candidate will be able to contribute to AISL, and learn about their short-term and long-term goals. Parents/guardians will also be given the opportunity to visit classrooms in-action along with their child and tour the school.
April/May 2026	AISL expects to offer merit scholarship(s) to begin at the school in August 2026.



100% of students who applied for 2025 entry are attending university



96% of the Class of 2025 were accepted to their 'first-choice' university



100% are enrolled in a Bachelor degree awarding university



21 Merit Scholars attended AISL 2013-2025



50% of graduated Merit Scholars have fully funded scholarships to universities



2025: $1 million in university scholarships