



Boris Trajkovski Scholarship for 2026-2027

NOVA International School Skopje

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NOVA Boris Trajkovski Scholarship

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NOVA Boris Trajkovski
Scholarship
Info Day 2025

Tuesday, Dec 16, 2025 — 6:00 PM
NOVA International School, Skopje



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Brief History of the BT Scholarship

- ★ Established in 2005 in honor of the late President Boris Trajkovski (BT).
- ★ Created to support leadership potential and an international mindset in a school setting different from the public system.
- ★ 68 full-tuition scholars have completed their education at NOVA High School.

[BT students video](#)



Eligibility

Who is eligible to apply?

Citizens of the Republic of North Macedonia who are currently Grade 9 students completing their primary education in the public school system.

What should students be aware of?

- NOVA is an English-medium school, so all teaching and communication take place in English.
- Strong English skills (reading, writing, and speaking) are highly recommended for student success.
- As an international school, we welcome students who are ready to learn with peers from diverse cultures, experiences, and perspectives.



Layout of the application process - ROUND 1

- ★ Applicants register for the **BT Info Night on Tuesday, December 16th, 2025** ([link](#))
- ★ [Preparation materials](#) (slides #6-7), examples of previous topics (slide 9)
- ★ [BT Help Desk Zoom Sessions](#) on **December 17 & 18, 3:00-3:20 pm**
- ★ on **December 17 & 18, 3:00-3:20 pm** (**Zoom link**)
- ★ **Wednesday, December 17th - Tuesday, December 30th, 2025:** Applicants submit their ROUND 1 contributions (video essay and reflection) ([Link to application opens on December 17, 2025](#))
- ★ **NOVA Winter Break (non-working days):** December 22 – January 12
- ★ **Marking Period for Video Essays and Reflections:** January 12–16
- ★ **Tuesday, January 20th, 2026:** Applicants with top marks are invited to proceed to Round 2; all applicants are notified of their results (email)



Layout of the application process: ROUND 2

- **Saturday, February 14, 2026:** Round 2 candidates will take part in a Selection Day process (on campus)
- **3 full and 3 partial scholarship recipients will be announced by the end of February 2026.**



Round 1: What does it consist of?

Video Essay & Reflection

What is a VIDEO ESSAY?

- A video essay is a visual and textual way of presenting a point of view. Much like a written essay, it has a structure: an introduction (where the topic is briefly presented), a body (where the topic is discussed through different perspectives), and a conclusion (where the discussion is briefly recapped).
- A video essay tells a convincing story, therefore, it needs to be planned in detail, scripted, and executed as a linear, time-based video.
- A video essay uses a “talking head”, which in this case would be you. This means you are to speak directly to the camera, as you deliver your planned and scripted material.
- A video essay is not a film. This task has a specific purpose (visual essay on an assigned topic) and a specific time limit (2-3 minutes).

([use Screencastify](#))



Round 1: What is a reflection?

- A reflection is a short explanation of the steps you took during your work and what you learned while creating it.
- For this task, you will briefly describe how you made your video essay and the most important things you discovered or improved along the way.

[\(150 words, pdf\)](#)



RUBRIC – HOW WILL MY SUBMISSION BE SCORED?

	EXCELLENT 4 POINTS	GOOD 3 POINTS	FAIR 2 POINTS	INCOMPLETE 1 POINT
ORGANIZATION	The argument is fluent and easy to follow. The response is to the point, in complete sentences, using correct grammar. The response is consistently linear, with all of the submission rules upheld.	The argument is mostly fluent, and not too difficult to follow. The response includes syntax that is mostly consistent, with grammar that is mostly correct. The response is mostly linear, with most of the submission rules upheld.	The argument is uneven, in its structure and presentation. The response includes inconsistent and incomplete syntax. The response does not uphold many of the submission rules.	The argument is incomplete, in its structure and presentation. The response does not uphold the submission rules.
IDEAS	The argument is logically coherent, with ideas that are clearly supported by evidence/examples. The argument is robust, with counterclaims being fully articulated.	The argument is mostly coherent, with ideas supported by evidence/examples. Counterclaims are being acknowledged.	The argument contains examples that do not fully support the main premise. Counterclaims are only indirectly stated.	The argument contains examples that do not support the main premise. Counterclaims are not being considered, indirectly or directly.
REFLECTION	The reflection details a process that is clearly and consistently evident in the video essay.	The reflection details a process that is mostly evident in the video essay.	The reflection details a process that is somewhat evident in the video essay.	The reflection details a process that is not evident in the video essay.



Round 1 Topic for This Year

Homework in the Age of AI: Still Useful or Time for Change?

Now that students can use powerful AI tools at home, does traditional homework still make sense? Share your opinion and examine how homework can be changed to remain relevant for both students and teachers.



Round 1 Specifics

- *What platform/tool should be used to record the video essay?*
 - We are asking that you use Screencastify. Make sure you follow these instructions.
- *How do we cite sources?*
 - Honor them by name in your video essay (for example, According to 20th century public intellectual Noam Chomsky, ...).
- *Do students create their video essay response on the same topic?*
 - Yes, it is ONE topic for all.
- *What language should the video essay be in?*
 - English, for this is the language of instruction in our school.
- *Can we use images/drawings in the video essay?*
 - You most certainly can; however, look at the rubric carefully, and see what the key parameters are.



Round 1 Specifics Con't

- Should I use formal language in the video essay?
 - *Only if it a part of your argument.*
- What is the reflection supposed to look like?
 - *150 words that detail your process making the video essay. Look at the preparation materials, there are some excellent guiding questions. Pdf document.*
- How do we submit the Round 1 documents?
 - Through the APPLICATION FORM
- Does previous participation in various academic competitions increase the applicant's chances of receiving the scholarship?
 - *Directly, no. Indirectly, perhaps - if it has helped you learn and grow as a student.*



How to prepare

- **REVIEW the Preparation Materials shared on our website**
- **For example, for the Video Essay, consider the following questions -**
 - Research the assigned topic from a variety of sources.
 - Begin by creating a list of patterns you notice about the topic.
 - Ask yourself - what is it that I want to communicate to my viewer?
 - Do I have a position that I'd like to communicate about the topic?
 - As you are communicating your position - what are the ideas that I plan to use to support it?
 - Do I have a plan in terms of how to present my ideas? What is the most logical order?
 - Do I have a conclusion?
- **For the Reflection, consider the following questions -**
 - How would you describe your process? What steps did you take?
 - What was the hardest part of the process?
 - What lessons did you learn?
 - What would you do differently?



Tips about recording your video essay

- Write out your response. Not word for word; but general strokes.
- Make sure you record it in one go. If you are editing, make sure there are no breaks.
- When recording, make sure you look at the camera directly (talking head).
- Keep the recording up to 3 minutes. Use Screencastify.
- You can record it on your phone; as long as you save the file.



How to submit the video essay and reflection

APPLICATION FORM ([link](#))

1. PART 1 - applicant's email address
2. PART 2 - applicant's information sheet (name, date of birth, address, school, parent/guardian information)
3. PART 3 - Video Essay file and Reflection file

KEY: When submitting your Video Essay and Reflection files through Google Drive, please make sure the sharing settings allow open access, so we can receive and view them without any issues.



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FAQs

- What does the scholarship include?
 - *The scholarship subsidises the tuition for of 4 years of your school education.*
 - *The capital fee, and/or IB fees are not included in the scholarship. Please take a look at the following [link](#) for more details.*
- Where should I send the essay and the reflection? Separately?
 - *All in one - through the Application Form (will be available on our website).*

- What type of essay should this be - argumentative, scientific, personal ?
 - *Whichever modality you choose, be consistent. Look at the rubric. Honor the parameters.*
- In the event that there are issues that arise using Screencastify, what should I do?
 - *Check to see if it is a technical glitch; see if you can download the extension again. If problems persist, let our team know.*



FAQs con't

- Where can I access this presentation after tonight's meeting?
 - *On our website.*
- How many points do I need to score in order to be invited to the second round?
 - 12
- Can props be used during the video essay? A powerpoint?
 - *Certainly; but remember - the focus is you (speaking from memory) and your argument.*
- Is the capital fee paid annually?
 - Yes

Q & A





