



SISD Scholarship and Award Policy
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Scholarships and Awards - Policy Statement

The Swiss International Scientific School in Dubai (SISD) is committed to a school environment in which excellence is recognised and promoted. The school sees the provision of both scholarships and awards as a means to sustain high standards and encourage all members of the community to be the best they can be.

Aims of this policy

1. To support SISD's commitment to excellence;
2. To promote an inclusive environment where Swiss, international and Emirati students can learn together;
3. To determine in a transparent fashion the manner in which scholarships and awards are issued.

Academic Excellence Scholarship

(for Middle School from grade 6 onwards)

The Academic Excellence Award programme will be piloted during the academic year 2016-17.

Definition

An Academic Excellence Scholarship is awarded by the Scholarship and Awards committee to students in – and applicants to – Grades 6 and beyond whose academic performance is outstanding and is matched by a commitment to excellence.

The scholarship constitutes a reduction in the full school fees of 50% applied to the subsequent academic year's tuition fee and replaces any other discount. It is valid for the remainder of the student's time at SISD, subject to annual review. Scholars are required to continue to demonstrate a commitment to excellence and the school reserves the right to withdraw scholarships in the event that this commitment is deemed to have lapsed on annual review.

Academic Scholars are expected to contribute to all elements of school life in a spirit of excellence and dedication.

Process

In the launch year, all Middle School students will be eligible for the Academic Excellence Scholarship and are automatically included in the selection process as long as they are either existing Primary students or have attended the school's entrance assessment.

Equal Opportunity Award

(for Primary and Middle School from grade 1 onwards)

The Equal Opportunity Award will first be available to students for the academic year 2016-17.

Definitions

Prospective applicants to SISD are eligible to apply for an Equal Opportunity Award representing up to 100% remission of school fees on condition that their combined disposable annual family income is insufficient to meet the tuition fees of the student(s). Other information may be required of the family before the school makes a discretionary award. A minimum of the following documents will be required to substantiate the application:

- Salary certificates
- Employment contracts
- Evidence of rent payment
- Bank statements
- Existing school enrollment fees

This list is not exhaustive.

Equal Opportunity Awards are limited in number and are subject to applicants passing the SISD entrance assessment. Once offered, the award will remain in place for the remainder of the student's time at the school, subject to an annual review in which parents will be required to resubmit relevant documentation.

Because of the inclusive nature of Equal Opportunity Awards, expectations of students are exactly the same as for all other students. Teachers will not be informed of the names of students receiving these awards. All information submitted to the school is kept strictly confidential and is for the sole purpose of evaluating the merits of the application by the Scholarship and Awards committee. Information pertaining to scholarships may be shared with the relevant state authorities if requested (e.g. KHDA).

Process

At the beginning of the admissions process, parents who wish to apply for an Equal Opportunity Award are asked to indicate their interest and provide the relevant supporting documentation. This documentation as well as the student's entrance assessment results are then reviewed. Applicants for an Equal Opportunity Award will be informed if and when an offer of a place at SISD is made.

Monitoring and review

This policy is reviewed annually by the Scholarships and Awards committee, chaired by the Head of School.