

International British School of Bucharest Scholarship Policy

For entry September 2026

INTRODUCTION

This policy contains an overview of the Scholarship Programme currently available at the International British School of Bucharest.

The International British School of Bucharest is a registered Not-for-Profit entity committed to providing a significant public benefit.

This policy, together with the Scholarship Application Form, is available to the general public in the Policies Section and Scholarship Section of the International British School of Bucharest website.

AIMS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BRITISH SCHOOL OF BUCHAREST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

- To positively encourage **exceptionally able and talented pupils** to join the International British School of Bucharest
- To provide exceptionally able and talented **pupils without the necessary financial means** an opportunity to join the International British School of Bucharest
- To improve the teaching and learning environment with the addition of more able and talented pupils

GENERAL INFORMATION

The International British School of Bucharest Scholarship Programme is available annually for students entering Years 7-10, and Year 12.

IBSB scholars play an important role in school life and are expected to take a lead in academic and co-curricular activities.

It is intended that scholarship students at the International British School of Bucharest will serve as role models and ambassadors, encouraging other pupils to share their enthusiasm, whilst exploring ways to communicate their expertise to ignite interest in their fellow students.

It is also intended that scholarship students at the International British School of Bucharest will serve as role models and ambassadors of the International British School of Bucharest to the wider school community.

FEE REDUCTION

Allianz-Țiriac Asigurări will contribute the amount of €15,000 per scholarship toward the annual tuition fee. IBSB will waive the registration fee for all scholarship recipients. Additional costs, including the school tuition fee difference, school uniform, school meals, transportation, school trips, outsourced extracurricular clubs and activity costs, will be covered by the family at the standard school rate.

PLACES AVAILABLE IN 2026

For September 2026, the International British School of Bucharest is offering the opportunity for up to 3 prospective pupils to apply for a Scholarship on the basis of evidence of exceptional recent academic achievement, with performance measured by the CAT4 Assessment Test. Candidates with a record of exceptional achievement in Sport or the Creative Arts over a minimum period of 12 months prior to application are also eligible to apply. Please refer to the application process below for more details.

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAMME

Senior School Scholarships are available on entry to Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12.

The International British School of Bucharest offers scholarships to recognise and support students who excel in specific areas. Scholarships are available for pupils with outstanding academic performance, exceptional sporting talent, remarkable creative arts ability, or strong commitment to global awareness, social responsibility, and the school's core values. These awards are designed to reward achievement, encourage continued growth, and help students reach their full potential.

The International British School of Bucharest is committed to:

- Supporting each student in achieving their potential in their chosen area
- Encouraging students to strive for excellence and helping them achieve their goals
- Helping students balance their academic, sporting, and/or creative arts commitments by liaising with students, parents, coaches, and specialist tutors/teachers
- Supporting training and competition opportunities as appropriate
- Endeavouring to create flexible timetables for students competing at the highest levels
- Promoting and acknowledging student success within the school community

APPLICATION PROCESS: Key Dates & Requirements

KEY DATES

All scholarship applications will be processed in accordance with the following dates:

Scholarship Applications Opening Date: February 09

Scholarship Applications Closing Date: February 28

Scholarship Application Review: March 01-15

Payment of Admissions File Processing Fee : 150 Euro (non – refundable)

Scholarship Application CAT4 & EPT Assessment: March 21, 10:00-12:00

Special Talent and Subject Assessments: March 28

Scholarship Application Interviews: April 04, 10:00-12:00

Scholarship Announcements:

Successful Applications

Parents will be notified of a Scholarship Awarded **on April 08, with confirmation of acceptance required by Friday, April 10 @4.00pm.** An announcement will be made to the **school community** in the school newsletter on **Monday, April 13.**

Unsuccessful Applications

Parents will be notified by email on **Monday, April 13.**

IBSB Registration: In the event that a scholarship is awarded and accepted, external candidates must make a formal application and register to join the school by April 30. The offer is subject to the availability of space in the relevant year group.

APPLICATIONS

International British School of Bucharest Scholarship Applications can be submitted throughout the school year via the International British School of Bucharest school website.

REQUIREMENTS

A. As part of the application, students will need to provide the following evidence:

1. **A personal statement.** Candidates are required to write a short personal statement (approximately 300 words) about their work and interests in relation to the category of Scholarship to which they have applied. (Please address the guidance on the application form.) The personal statement should be written by the applicant without the use of AI, and will be checked with AI checkers and compared to written work undertaken in school as a part of the assessment process.
2. **A portfolio containing evidence should be presented, including, but not limited to:**

An Academic Scholarship –is awarded to outstanding students who have demonstrated exceptional academic ability and distinction at a national or international level. This scholarship is designed for top-performing students, who have achieved excellence through academic awards, Olympiads, and recognized competitions.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must demonstrate that they are **among the top students in their current school or academic level**, and clear evidence of **impactful community engagement** supported by the following portfolio of evidence:

1. **Academic Performance**
 - Submission of official **school reports** for the previous three years showing consistent **A grades or equivalent** in all core subjects.
2. **National or International Recognition**
 - Proof of **awards, medals, or certificates** from recognized **national or international academic competitions**, Olympiads, or similar contests.
 - Examples include Mathematics, Science, English, or subject-based Olympiads, debate competitions, or innovation contests.
 - Certificates of achievement or ranking must be provided as official documentation.
 - Awards, commendations, or public recognition for community or global initiatives (local, national, or international level) for the past three years.
3. **Supporting Evidence**
 - **Sample of outstanding work** (e.g., essays, research, projects).
 - **Reference letter** from a teacher, tutor, or headmaster verifying academic excellence and participation in advanced academic activities.
4. **Cognitive and Subject Assessments (to be organised and taken at School Premises)**
 - **CAT4 (Cognitive Abilities Test):** Minimum overall mean score of **130**.
 - **English Proficiency Test (EPT):** Required for applicants whose first language is not English. The minimum requirements are:
 - Year 7-8: Intermediate Level- 40+ EPT Score/Intermediate Level Writing Skills
 - Years 9-10: Upper-Intermediate Level- 55+ EPT Score
 - Year 12: Pre-advanced Level- 70+ EPT Score/Advanced Level Writing Skills

- **Subject Testing:**

- **Year 10 (age 14) Applicants:** GL tests for English, Mathematics, and Science with a minimum score of 130.
- **Year 12 (age 16) Applicants:** IGCSE Mock Subject tests based on chosen A-Level subjects with a minimum B grade.

A Sporting Achievement Scholarship – recognizes students who have demonstrated outstanding talent, discipline, and success in sports at a national or international level. This scholarship supports athletes who combine academic commitment with exceptional sporting performance, including medal-winning performances.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must provide clear evidence of both **academic performance** and **sporting excellence**:

1. Academic Performance

- **School reports for the previous three years** showing consistent **A grades or equivalent** in all core subjects.
- Demonstrated ability to balance academic study with training and competition commitments.

2. Sporting Excellence

Applicants must have achieved one or more of the following:

- **Gold, Silver, or Bronze Medal** at a **national or international competition** recognized by an official sporting federation, association, or governing body.
- Representation of their **country, region, or club** at national or international level events.
- Proof of sustained commitment and high-level performance in training and competition.

3. Supporting Evidence

- A **formal reference** from a **qualified coach, club official, or national team representative** confirming:
 - Level of participation and achievement (including medals or rankings)
 - Commitment, discipline, and sportsmanship
 - Potential for future development in the sport
- **Official certificates or proof of medals** (Gold, Silver, Bronze).
- **Competition records or ranking lists** from recognized sports authorities.
- **Photographic or media evidence** (optional) of competition participation.

4. Cognitive and Subject Assessments (to be organised and taken at School Premises)

- **CAT4 (Cognitive Abilities Test):** Minimum overall score of **130**.
- **English Proficiency Test (EPT):** Required for applicants whose first language is not English. The minimum requirements are:
 - Year 7-8: Intermediate Level- 40+ EPT Score/Intermediate Level Writing Skills
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 - Year 12: Pre-advanced Level- 70+ EPT Score/Advanced Level Writing Skills
- **Subject Testing:**
 - **Year 10 (age 14) Applicants:** GL tests for English, Mathematics, and Science with a minimum score of 130.
 - **Year 12 (age 16) Applicants:** IGCSE Mock Subject tests based on chosen A-Level subjects with a minimum B grade.

An Excellence in the Creative Arts Scholarship – is awarded to students who demonstrate outstanding artistic ability, creativity, and achievement in the visual or performing arts. This scholarship recognizes students who have attained excellence through recognized competitions, exhibitions, performances, or other artistic accomplishments at a high level.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must show both **strong academic performance** and **exceptional artistic achievement** through the following evidence:

1. Academic Performance

- **School reports for the previous three years**, showing consistent **A grades or equivalent** in all core subjects.
- Demonstrated ability to maintain high academic standards alongside creative pursuits.

2. Artistic Excellence

Applicants must have achieved one or more of the following:

- **Gold, Silver, or Bronze award or top placements in national or international creative arts competitions, exhibitions, or performances.**
- Recognition in fields such as **music, visual arts, drama, dance, film, digital media, or design.**
- Demonstrated exceptional skill, originality, and commitment in their artistic field.

3. Supporting Evidence

- A **formal reference** from a **specialist tutor, headmaster, or arts instructor** confirming:
 - Level of artistic achievement and training
 - Commitment, discipline, and creativity
 - Potential for continued excellence and growth

4. Portfolio Requirement

- Submission of a **portfolio of evidence** showcasing outstanding artistic work and achievements.
 - For visual arts: a selection of artwork, sketches, or design projects
 - For performing arts: recordings, videos, or performance reviews
 - For other disciplines: relevant documentation of original creative work

5. Cognitive and Subject Assessments (to be organised and taken at School Premises)

- **CAT4 (Cognitive Abilities Test):** Minimum overall score of **130**.
- **English Proficiency Test (EPT):** Required for applicants whose first language is not English. The minimum requirements are:
 - Year 7-8: Intermediate Level- 40+ EPT Score/Intermediate Level Writing Skills
 - Years 9-10: Upper-Intermediate Level- 55+ EPT Score
 - Year 12: Pre-advanced Level- 70+ EPT Score/Advanced Level Writing Skills
- **Subject Testing:**
 - **Year 10 (age 14) Applicants:** GL tests for English, Mathematics, and Science with a minimum score of 130.
 - **Year 12 (age 16) Applicants:** IGCSE Mock Subject tests based on chosen A-Level subjects with a minimum B grade.

Pupils cannot apply for more than one scholarship category at a time.

B. Admission Evaluation – eligible candidates will be invited to take the following admission assessments

- Cognitive abilities test (CAT4) - will measure the reasoning abilities across verbal, non-verbal, quantitative, and spatial domains
- English Placement test (EPT) that evaluates the proficiency in English language skills

Candidates must meet a minimum benchmark in both tests to proceed.

Candidates who pass this assessment step will be invited to take subject tests based on their year group

Y10 Applicants (Age 14 years on Sept 01) will be required to undergo an evaluation in English, Mathematics, and Science.

Y12 Applicants (Age 16 years on Sept 01) will be required to take Subject-specific tests (aligned with planned studies).

SCHOLARSHIP ANNUAL RENEWAL

All scholarships are contingent upon the highest standards of behaviour, effort, and attitude toward learning being maintained at all times.

Whilst at the International British School of Bucharest, scholarship recipients are expected to:

- Meet the highest standards within the scholarship field for their age
- Maintain an impeccable behaviour record
- Serve as role models and ambassadors of the IBSB Core Values
- Actively represent the school and contribute meaningfully to school activities
- Commit to school events, including in ways related to the specific scholarship
- Demonstrate a commitment to developing their potential across the curriculum, as well as in their specific area to high performance
- As part of the annual review process, keep the school informed of any achievements or progress outside of school, that can be celebrated within the school community and on social media to enhance the reputation of the school

Students who are offered an International British School of Bucharest Scholarship will retain their scholarship throughout their time at the International British School of Bucharest, subject to a successful annual review.

Existing Senior School Scholarship students do not need to re-apply at the end of Year 11 for entry into the sixth form, however, their scholarship will be subject to an annual review, including an interview with the Scholarship Committee.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

1. Executive Director
2. IBSB Board member
3. Headmaster
4. Head of Secondary
5. Sponsor representative

Parents will be informed by letter of renewal/non-renewal of a scholarship on the first Monday of April.

NON-RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to withdraw a Scholarship if there have been incidents of poor behaviour resulting in detentions, if satisfactory effort and expected progress have not been made, if the student is not contributing to the life of the school in an appropriate manner, or if the criteria for admission by scholarship is no longer met.

The Scholarship Committee may withdraw a scholarship at any point for: the non-payment of school fees, poor attendance, poor behaviour, lack of commitment and/or effort, or failure to maintain the expected level of performance or attainment in the given scholarship area.

Where there are circumstances that may lead to the non-renewal of a scholarship, parents will be informed immediately identifying any cause for concern, with details also provided regarding the criteria and timeline for renewal.

For further information, please contact the Admissions Office: +40 21 253 1698, scholarships@ibsb.ro

Related Policies

SS Behaviour for Learning Policy

SS Curriculum Policy

SS Homework Policy

SS Academic Honesty Policy

WS Admissions Policy

WS Data Protection Policy

WS Diversity, Equity, Equality, and Inclusion Policy

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