

Introduction

Al Futtaim Education Foundation (AFEF) supports parents within the Dubai and UAE communities by offering several scholarships at Deira International School (DIS) and Universal American School (UAS) for existing and prospective students. The scholarships are made available on an annual basis and cover a percentage of the tuition fees up to a maximum of 100% for Emirati Scholarships and up to 50% of the tuition fees for Academic and Talent Scholarships. Applications are invited from Emirati and expatriate students both from within the DIS/UAS communities and from other schools in/outside the United Arab Emirates as per the criteria listed below.

All scholarships are governed by the Terms & Conditions as follows:

Terms & Conditions

1. Scholarship Categories and Eligibility:

1.1 Scholarships are available within the following categories:

- 1.1.1 Emirati Students
- 1.1.2 IBDP Students
- 1.1.3 Sports and Talent Scholarships

1.2 Eligibility for an Emirati Student Scholarship is based on the following:

- 1.2.1 The student is enrolled/aiming to enrol in Year 5/Grade 4 or above at DIS/UAS;
- 1.2.2 The student studies at a government or MOE curriculum school and has a CAT4 score of 110 across all four components;
- 1.2.3 Availability of “Jinsiya”;
- 1.2.4 The student studies at an international school and has a CAT4 score of 115 across all four components;
- 1.2.5 The student has a sporting, musical, linguistic or other talent that they have received national, regional and/or international recognition for.

1.3 Eligibility for an IBDP Scholarship is based on the following:

- 1.3.1 The student is enrolled/aiming to enrol in the IBDP at DIS/UAS;

1.3.2 The student has a CAT4 score of 125 across all four components and a track record of high academic achievement (IGCSE results, GPAs, School Reports).

1.4 Eligibility for a Sports & Talent Scholarships is based on the following at DIS/UAS:

1.4.1 The student is enrolled/aiming to enrol in Year 5/Grade 4 or above;

1.4.2 The student has a sporting, musical, linguistic or other talent that they have received national, regional and/or international recognition for;

1.4.3 The student is committed to representing DIS/UAS at events and/or competitions relevant to their sport/talent and to provide any other reasonable support to the school community, as deemed appropriate by the School.

2. Application Forms and Offer Letters:

2.1 Only applications made by submitting the Scholarship Application Form relevant to the category applied for shall be considered.

2.2 Applications are only accepted in one category; should a student meet the eligibility criteria for more than one category, it is incumbent upon them and their family to select the category that they see their odds for success in are the highest.

2.3 Only application forms submitted with **all the required documents/evidence will be processed.**

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2.5 Offer letters will set out the terms and conditions relevant to each student and their particular case.

2.6 A student will not be considered a scholarship recipient until their parents/guardians have signed and returned the Scholarship Offer Letter and the student is formally enrolled at either UAS or DIS.

2.7 Offer letters should be signed and returned within the period specified in the letter, failing which the offer will be withdrawn.

2.8 Offer letters will be issued by the Schools under the relevant AFEF Scholarship category.

3. Application Timeline

Available scholarship categories will be publicised starting from February, with applications being accepted until April 15th. Applicants to the IBDP Scholarship categories will receive conditional offers subject to final exam results released in August. Successful applicants to other scholarship categories will be notified in May.

4. Award of Scholarships

The following applies to awarded scholarships:

- 4.1 Scholarships will be awarded based on meeting the relevant scholarship criteria and based on the applicant's rank within the pool of applicants;
- 4.2 Scholarships will be awarded to applicants based on rank in descending order until all available scholarships have been exhausted;
- 4.3 Should offer letters be made but are subsequently rejected or not responded to within the timeframe specified, an offer will be made to the next applicant on the ranked list;
- 4.4 All awards are made by the Scholarship Committee and all Award decisions of the committee are final;
- 4.5 Scholarship awards not responded to within the specified timeframe by the parents/guardians of a successful applicant will be immediately revoked without notification;
- 4.6 Awarded scholarships in the Emirati Student and Sports/Talent categories are for ONE academic year and are subject to renewal as per the terms below;
- 4.7 Awards are subject to the terms and conditions specified in the Offer Letter, and are non-negotiable;
- 4.8 Awards are in the form of tuition fee reductions against the full year's fees, which shall be reflected against invoices accordingly;
- 4.9 Awards do not cover transportation costs, examination fees, the cost of trips, externally-provided ECAs or any other school-related expense not included in the published tuition fee structure;
- 4.10 Awards have no cash value;
- 4.11 Scholarship discounts cannot be combined with any other discounts;
- 4.12 An awardee must be a registered student at the school where the Award is given in order for them to be eligible to receive the Award. For external awardees, enrolment at the School must be completed within ten working days of returning the signed Offer Letter;
- 4.13 For existing UAS/DIS families, all outstanding tuition fee and other invoices should be cleared prior to the acceptance of the Award; failure to clear such balances may result in the Award Offer being revoked;
- 4.14 Awards are non-transferable and non-deferrable.

5. Unsuccessful Applications

The Scholarship Committee shall communicate its non-award decisions to the families concerned via email. Committee decisions shall be communicated by the Schools, unless there is a compelling reason for the Committee to undertake such communication. Other than the reasons referenced in the non-award email, no further feedback can be given to individual families or applicants.

Unsuccessful candidates may re-apply the following academic year.

6. Award Term & Renewal

Awards for IBDP Scholarships are valid for two years. It is expected that awardees maintain a level of attendance, academic performance, and behavioural standards in line with the Schools' and AFEF's expectations. Any concerns over the attendance, academic level or behaviour of an awardee shall be communicated with the family concerned in order to ensure compliance with Award terms at all times.

Awards for Emirati Student Scholarships are valid for the duration that the student is enrolled at UAS/DIS subject to their maintaining appropriate levels of academic performance, attendance and behaviour.

Awards for Sports and Talent Scholarship are valid for the duration that the student is enrolled at UAS/DIS subject to their maintaining appropriate levels of academic performance, attendance and behaviour, and to representing UAS/DIS at local, regional and international events, when applicable. A portfolio of evidence is required to be submitted annually and received before end May.

7. Withdrawal & Suspension of Award

In the event that an awardee fails to maintain appropriate levels of academic performance, attendance and behaviour, and/or they accrue outstanding fees, the Scholarship Committee reserves the right to withdraw or suspend the Scholarship.

The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to withdraw any scholarship awarded on the basis of false/fraudulent documentation/evidence with immediate and backdated effect, up to the date of take-up of the award.

8. Notice of Awardee Withdrawal

In the event that an awardee plans to leave the school, and/or when they are aware of circumstances that might necessitate their departure, it is expected that the Scholarship Committee be notified as soon as possible.

9. Representation, Publicity & Promotion

Scholarship recipients are expected, from time to time, to appear in campaign collateral and other forms of audio/visual material to promote AFEF, the Schools or the AFEF Scholarship Programme. It is also expected that awardees in the category of Sports and Talent represent DIS/UAS at school, local, regional and international events, as per the terms agreed with the School.

10. Change of Terms

AFEF reserves the right to change the terms and conditions herein, from time to time, and without the prior consent of Scholarship awardees. Awardees and their families shall be advised of such changes in due course.