

Christina McConnell Scholarship Programme

(Ugandan Nationals Only)

Purpose: To promote excellence by offering a full scholarship to an exceptional young Ugandan who is a strong academic from a socio-economically disadvantaged background and who has the potential to thrive in an international setting and become a future leader in Uganda.

The International School of Uganda (ISU) invites applications for its Scholarship Programme. The prospective candidates are profiled as Ugandan nationals of secondary school age who are financially, socially, and economically disadvantaged. They are students who demonstrate high scholastic and emotional maturity, who are talented and gifted individuals and who have the aptitude to thrive in an international setting and become future leaders in Uganda.

ISU will provide a scholarship for a successful candidate until graduation from ISU. One scholarship is available for a student who meet the following criteria:

- student who has completed S3 (Ugandan Senior 3) and should not be older than 16 years of age on 31 August 2025 (born after 1 September 2008)
- student who has completed S4 (Ugandan Senior 4) and should not be older than 17 years on 31 August 2025 (born after 1 September 2007).

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

ISU will offer a full Scholarship covering 100% of the school fees. The following will be included:

- Accommodation will be provided with an ISU host family.
- Travel to and from school will be provided.
- A settling-in allowance will be provided to the student so that they may purchase items needed to settle into life at ISU.
- A monthly allowance for basic needs is provided.
- The student will receive a laptop and internet access if required.
- School lunch will be provided.
- Costs associated with school-related extracurricular activities and/or field trips are covered by the school, including one international trip per academic year.

Selection for the successful candidate will be made by 13 May 2025 for entry to ISU at the start of the 2025 academic year on 13 August.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- **Nationality**
 - Ugandan by birth
- **Status**
 - Economically and / or socially disadvantaged
- **Academic**
 - Successfully completed S3 or S4
 - Strong academic reports
 - Demonstrate talents and involvement in the community

- Proficiency in written and spoken English
- **Character**
 - Eagerness and determination to overcome adversity and a desire to succeed
 - Leadership qualities
 - Willingness to adapt
- **Health**
 - Verification of sufficient good health
- **Financial, Accommodation and Guardianship**
 - Proof of household income, household expenses, assets and cost of current schooling
 - Proof of current residence
 - Details of guardianship

APPLICATION PROCESS

STAGE 1

Each applicant is required to submit the following in this Stage I application period:

1. Scholarship Application Form, which includes:
 - Motivation letter - this must be the candidates own words and **not** AI generated
 - Financial information
2. A teacher or head of school recommendation
3. Certified School Reports and Documentation for:
 - S2 requires Term 1, 2 & 3 reports and final S2 exam results;
 - S3 requires Term 1, 2 & 3 reports and final S3 exam results.
 - S4 Uganda Certificate Examinations (UCE) results (if relevant).

Applicants should send all required details, addressed to the Senior School Principal, by email application to scholarship@isumail.ac.ug or in person to ISU front office.

Deadline for submission Thursday 20 March 2025.

Please note that the Scholarship Committee will only review fully completed applications submitted by the deadline.

STAGE 2

Stage 1 successful candidates will be contacted on **Thursday 10 April 2025** and will be asked to submit the following additional documentation. Unsuccessful candidates will be notified.

1. Detailed application including personal information
2. Identification documentation (e.g. School ID, passport, national ID, birth certificate)

Applicants who have been shortlisted will be invited to a selection day at ISU at a later date which will include:

1. Academic assessments
2. Collaborative task
3. An interview by the Scholarship Committee

APPROVING SCHOLARSHIPS

All documentation from all candidates will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.

UNIVERSITY PLACEMENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The College Counsellor will provide individual counselling and family counselling in preparation for possible future university placements. Scholarship Programmes will be considered in terms of applicability and suitability however, no guarantee of a university scholarship can be made by ISU.

SCHOLARSHIP WITHDRAWAL

ISU reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship should the student fail to meet the initially agreed criteria at any time during the course of the programme.

ISU reserves the right to adapt the above criteria at any time and to decide if a scholarship will be awarded or not in any given year.