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SSIS Scholarship Policy

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1. OVERVIEW, EXPECTATIONS AND THE APPLICATION PROCESS

The Shanghai Singapore International School is committed to supporting students with excellence, potential and talent in specific areas. Scholars are expected to enrich the School not only in their specialist area, but also across the School by upholding and embracing our ethos and core values.

SSIS celebrates over 25 years of excellence and anticipates more successes in the years ahead. The school wants to recognise our students' relentless effort in living up to the School Motto: "*Strive for Excellence*".

Scholarships are available for students who can demonstrate excellence and talent in the following areas:

- Academics- IBDP Scholarship Award – Excellence & Merit
- Academics – CLSP and IGCSE - Excellence & Merit
- Aesthetics Award
- Athletics Award
- Community Service and Leadership Award
- Technology and Innovation Award

All applications will be assessed and final decisions are made by our scholarship committee in line with our Scholarship Policy.

Students can **only make one Scholarship application** for each academic year.

EXPECTATIONS OF SCHOLARS

Our scholars are role models in all areas of School life and who always lead by example. Their diligence and conscientious approach in School has a positive influence on others around them, and their support for their peers is highly valued. We expect all scholars to apply themselves enthusiastically and try their best in everything they do at SSIS.

Scholars champion the area of School life for which they hold an award, and they are leaders within it. They are expected to participate fully in the extra-curricular activities of their relevant subject/area, and to always prioritise commitments within the School over others, wherever possible. Academic and Talented Scholars are expected to take a leading role in the academic and extracurricular life of the School, both within and outside their normal classroom activities.

Academic and Talented Scholars are also encouraged to go beyond the confines of the syllabus and to participate in Clubs and Societies that stretch and challenge them beyond the limits of the examined curriculum and without the bounds of normal subject disciplines. They are expected to act as role models and, through their passion, efforts and achievements, to encourage their peers to develop ever-higher levels of academic, aesthetic, athletic, innovation, leadership motivation and ambition.

SCHOLARS INITIATIVE

All Scholarship holders are expected to plan, implement and evaluate a Scholarship initiative of their choice. Scholars will be provided a mentor and have regular check-ins with the Senior School Principal to evaluate the progress of their initiative.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Scholarship/Award applications by currently enrolled SSIS students must be fully completed and submitted by the published deadline below. Each year's exact deadline will be published on the school website.
- Students applying as a new enrolment to SSIS may apply for a Scholarship/Award prior to enrolment.
- A fully completed Application Form, including: *(see Application Process below)*
  - A copy of school reports, certificates and/or transcripts.
  - A personal statement (essay).
  - A Scholarship application essay
  - Proposed Scholarship Initiative
  - Two Teacher or Principal recommendation forms

APPLICATION PROCESS

Internal Applicant (Existing SSIS Student)	External Applicant (New Student)
Complete the online application form.	Contact admissions@ssis.asia or scholarships@ssis.asia
Attach all relevant documents as prompted in the online application form.	Submit all relevant documents such as school reports, certificates and/or transcripts, recommendation letters, etc.
Upon completion of the online application form, the two (2) referees will be contacted to complete an online recommendation form each.	Submit all application documents via email or mail
Shortlisted Candidates will be invited for an interview.	Shortlisted Candidates will be invited for an interview.

KEY DATES

Application deadline (for existing SSIS students): Mid-February

Application deadline (for external candidates): Start of March

Invitation sent out to short-listed candidates: End of February

First round of interviews with HoDs and Coordinators: Start of March

Second round of Interviews with Principal, Head of School & Director: End of March

Final announcement of Awards recipients: End of April

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

Current SSIS students need to apply online via SSIS Scholarship/Award Application Forms. Contact it-support@ssis.asia if you face technical issues filling out the form.

Non-SSIS students need to submit the above documents via the following ways:

Email scholarship application documents to scholarships@ssis.asia or Mail to: Shanghai Singapore International School, 301 Zhujian Road, Minhang District, Shanghai, China PC 201106 or

ANNOUNCEMENT, APPLICATION AND INTERVIEW TIMELINE

- Announcement of Scholarship Awards – Assembly, Senior School Principal's message to parents and Wechat message.
- Applications collected and sorted by PAs – Principal.
- First round of interviews by Directors, Coordinators and Heads of Department.
- Second round of Interviews with the Principal and Head of School and appropriate Director.
- Final decision made in consultation with the School board.
- Announcement of the award winners before the next academic year starts.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Head of School
- Campus Principal
- Senior School Principal
- Senior School Assistant Principal
- Director of Aesthetics
- Director of Afterschool Programme
- Director of Technology
- Academic Coordinators
- Head of Counselling
- CAS and Service Learning Coordinator

At regular checkpoints (end of term one, Chinese New Year, end of term 2 and the end of year) throughout the year, Scholarship recipients will meet with members of the Scholarship committee to review their ongoing contribution to SSIS.

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2. ACADEMICS IBDP SCHOLARSHIP – EXCELLENCE & MERIT

The Academic IBDP Scholarship is awarded to **students entering Grade 11 or 12** of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) at the start of each academic year. This scholarship recognises students who perform highly in their academic subjects and also exhibit academic excellence. Academic excellence may include but is not limited to enrichment projects, competitions and summer camps.

There will be two tiers of scholarships awarded:

- The **Academic IBDP 'Excellence' Scholarship**, which covers 200,000RMB of the tuition fees
- The **Academic IBDP 'Merit' Scholarship**, which covers 100,000RMB of the tuition fees.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Academic performance will be the primary determinant for the awarding of a scholarship although community involvement may also be taken into account.
- Excellent academic results (A*/A or 7/6) across a range of subjects.
- Evidence of lifelong learning and Scholarship beyond subject syllabi. This may include enrichment projects, competitions, summer camps etc.
- Quality of communication during interviews.
- Being in excellent standing in the SSIS Community.
- Scholarship holders are expected to achieve academic excellence at the end of Grade 11 to be eligible for the renewal of the scholarship in the second year of the IB Diploma Programme.
- All Grade 10 students may apply, and IGCSE results will be looked at before awarding any scholarships.
- Additional scholarships may be granted at any time during Grade 11 and Grade 12 at the discretion of the school.
- Ability to represent SSIS in and outside of school.
- No discipline record.

SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL

- Grade 11 scholarship holders who achieve academic excellence at the end of Grade 11 are eligible to request the renewal of their scholarship in Grade 12 of the IBDP.
- The Scholarship recipient must have successfully completed their Scholarship Initiative.
- The current scholarship holder has to submit a new application form with a new personal statement and references before the published dates.
- The scholarship holders will be informed of the status of their scholarship renewal before the new school year.

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3. ACADEMICS CLSP AND IGCSE - EXCELLENCE & MERIT

The Academic CLSP and IGCSE Scholarship is awarded to students entering **grades 7 to grade 10.** who perform highly in their academic subjects and also exhibit academic excellence. Academic excellence may include but is not limited to enrichment projects, competitions and summer camps.

There will be two tiers of scholarships awarded:

- The **Academic CLSP & IGCSE 'Excellence' Scholarship**, which covers 100,000RMB of the tuition fees
- The **Academic CLSP & IGCSE 'Merit' Scholarship** which covers 50,000RMB of the tuition fees.

The Scholarship is renewable at the end of each academic year based on the maintenance of high-performing academic achievement in representing SSIS and the wider community.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Academic performance will be the primary determinant for the awarding of a scholarship, although community involvement may also be taken into account.
- Excellent (A*/A) academic results across a range of subjects.
- Evidence of lifelong learning and Scholarship beyond subject syllabi. This may include enrichment projects, competitions, summer camps etc.
- Quality of communication during interviews.
- Being in excellent standing in the SSIS Community.
- Scholarship holders are expected to achieve academic excellence at the end of each grade to be eligible for the renewal of the scholarship.
- Grade 6 students may apply for the Scholarship to start in grade 7.
- Additional scholarships may be granted at any time at the discretion of the school.
- Ability to represent SSIS in and outside of school.
- No discipline record.

SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL

- Scholarship holders who achieve academic excellence at the end of each grade are eligible to request the renewal of their scholarship.
- The Scholarship recipient must have successfully completed their Scholarship Initiative.
- The current scholarship holder has to submit a new application form with a new personal statement and references before the published dates.
- The scholarship holders will be informed of the status of their scholarship renewal before the new school year.

4. AESTHETICS SCHOLARSHIP

The Aesthetics Scholarship is awarded to highly-talented individuals who possess outstanding performance and arts achievements, meeting expectations for academic and community involvement.

This Scholarship is open to students entering grades **7 to grade 12.**

The scholarship **covers 100,000RMB of tuition fees** and will be awarded to a limited number of students on a merit basis. The Scholarship is renewable at the end of each academic year based on the maintenance of high-performing aesthetic achievement in representing SSIS and the wider community.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Performance in an area of Aesthetics will be the primary determinant for the awarding of a scholarship, although community involvement and leadership may also be taken into account.
- Regular attendance and commitment to performances, competitions and events.
- Evidence of awards, leadership recognition or outstanding results.
- Must have an A or A* in Aesthetics classes.
- Good academic results across a range of subjects. All results except for Aesthetics should be a C or above.
- Quality of communication during interviews.
- Being in excellent standing in the SSIS Community.
- Scholarship holders are expected to achieve excellence in an area of Aesthetics when representing SSIS at the end of each academic year to be eligible for the continuation of the scholarship in the next academic year.
- The areas of Aesthetics to be considered for the SSIS Aesthetics Scholarship will be decided by the school.
- Additional awards may be made at any time at the discretion of the school.
- Ability to represent SSIS in and outside of school
- No discipline record.

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5. ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIP

The Athletics Scholarship is awarded to highly talented individuals who possess outstanding sports achievements and meet expectations for academic and community involvement.

This Scholarship is open to students entering **grade 7 to grade 12.**

The scholarship **covers 100,000RMB of tuition fees** and will be awarded to a limited number of students on a merit basis. The Scholarship is renewable at the end of each academic year based on the maintenance of high sports achievement in representing SSIS and wider community involvement.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Performance in an area of athletics will be the primary determinant for the awarding of a scholarship although community involvement and leadership may also be taken into account.
- Regular attendance and commitment to sport-specific training, competitions and season tournaments.
- Evidence of awards, leadership recognition or outstanding results.
- Must have an A or A* in Physical Education.
- Good academic results across a range of subjects. All results except for PE should be a C or above.
- Quality of communication during interviews.
- Being in excellent standing in the SSIS Community.
- Scholarship holders are expected to achieve excellence in an area of athletics when representing SSIS at the end of each academic year to be eligible for the continuation of the scholarship in the next academic year.
- The areas of athletics to be considered for the SSIS Athletics Scholarship will be decided by the school.
- Additional awards may be made at any time at the discretion of the school.
- Ability to represent SSIS in and outside of school.
- No discipline record.

6. COMMUNITY SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

The Excellence in Community Service and Leadership Award recognises students who display excellence in community service and leadership.

Future Global Leader Attributes, service learning and contributions to the community are integral to SSIS model of education. We hope to identify and recognise students who promote global citizenry and use this Scholarship to encourage and motivate similarly inspiring behaviour among the student body. Our goal is for every SSIS student to develop the character, moral virtues and leadership qualities required to contribute positively to the wider community.

The award **covers 100,000RMB of the tuition fees** and is renewable every year upon application process and criteria.

This Scholarship is open to students entering **grade 7 to grade 12.**

The qualifying students can be awarded for their efforts, initiative, and hard work in leadership and/or community service. The Award is renewable at the end of each academic year based on the maintenance of excellence in that respective field.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Demonstrates excellence in leadership and/or community service at SSIS or in the local community.
- Shows a record of involvement in extracurricular activities, community activities, charitable organizations, and other endeavours indicating significant leadership records and/or community service.
- Regular attendance and commitment to activities, events and endeavors that show the candidates leadership and/or commitment to service.
- Good academic results across a range of subjects. All results should be a C or above.
- Quality of communication during interviews.
- Ability to represent SSIS in and outside of school.
- No discipline record.

7. TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Technology and Innovation Scholarship recognises students' achievements, and nurtures students' passion, and commitment toward technology. The SSIS Technology Scholarship Award is given to tech-savvy individuals who possess outstanding technological achievements, embrace new technology as a learning tool, and harness technology to bring innovation and change to the community.

This Scholarship is open to students entering **grades 7 to grade 12.**

The scholarship **covers 100,000RMB of tuition fees** and is subject to renewal at the end of each academic year based on the maintenance of high technology achievement in representing SSIS and community involvement.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Consistent initiative in the purposeful, collaborative application of technology and/or innovation to create lasting beneficial solutions, tools, programmes, systems, activity, or service for the school community.
- Passion and commitment towards accomplishing goals.
- Evidence of awards, leadership recognition or outstanding results.
- Good academic results across a range of subjects. All results should be C or above.
- Quality of communication during interviews.
- Being in excellent standing in the SSIS Community.
- The areas of technology to be considered for the SSIS Technology & Innovation Scholarship will be decided by the school.
- Additional awards may be made at any time at the discretion of the school.
- Ability to represent SSIS in and outside of school.
- No discipline record.

8. TERMS & CONDITIONS OF SCHOLARSHIPS, INCLUDING WITHDRAWAL

- Scholarships are available to new and existing students at Shanghai Singapore International School (SSIS).
- Scholarships only contribute to the tuition fee. The application fee and admissions test fee will still apply.
- Should the scholarship holder leave SSIS before the successful completion of the academic year, the full school fees for the academic year must be repaid to the school.
- The scholarship cannot be held concurrently with any other award or scholarship without the prior written approval of SSIS.
- Scholarship recipients will cover the costs of any incidentals incurred during trips or competitions such as autumn excursions, ACAMIS competitions etc.
- All scholarships are awarded for one year and may be renewed at the end of the year based on meeting the following conditions:
    - The recipient has maintained a high level of academic achievement in the area of Scholarship and community involvement. Please refer to the specific ScholarShip sections for more detailed renewal requirements.
    - There has been no disciplinary action at the level of a suspension or greater.
    - The school has received a scholarship renewal request by the published due date.
    - Nearing the end of each academic year, scholarship holders will be required to evaluate the success of their Scholarship Initiative and overall contribution to the school.
- The scholarship can be revoked:
    - At any time the school determines that the application included false statements,
    - If the scholar fails to uphold the excellent standing or integrity expected of a recipient,
    - If the scholar fails to attain the high level of academic achievement required,
    - Should the above happen, at least one formal warning in writing will be given to the student and the parents prior to the withdrawal of the scholarship. In case of extreme disciplinary measures, the scholarship may be revoked without any prior written notification.
- Decisions made by the Scholarship Committee are final and specific questions with regard to the rationale of decisions made will not be entertained.
- The School Board reserves the right to vary the terms and conditions of the Scholarship without prior notice.

APPENDIX:

Personal Statement Prompt

Why do you deserve this Scholarship include your reflection on the SSIS motto *Strive for Excellence;* what does this mean to you?

Scholarship Application Essays

Academics

Our intelligence and personalities are predetermined as a result of our genes before we are born, and there is nothing that can be done to alter our character traits. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Aesthetics

Reflect on a significant challenge you have faced within the realm of aesthetics, whether in music, drama, or visual art. Discuss how this challenge tested your creative abilities and how you overcame it. Explore the impact that this experience has had on your artistic growth and your aspirations within the field. Additionally, connect your artistic journey to the values and goals of the aesthetics at SSIS, and explain how being awarded this scholarship will further support your artistic development.

Athletics

What does the term "well-rounded student-athlete" mean to you?

Community Service & Leadership

Please choose one of the prompts below:
1. All leaders face challenges. Describe a time when you faced a challenge as a leader and how you overcame it.
2. Should schools force all students to volunteer for community service? Does this defeat the purpose of "volunteering?"

Innovation & Technology

Please choose one of the prompts below:

3. How would your passion for Innovation and Technology benefit the development of society (school, community)?
4. What are the benefits and challenges of using generative AI like CHATGPT in education?

Scholarship initiative

Explain the rationale for and outline your Scholars Initiative.