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Objectives

The purpose of offering Scholarships (and Exhibitions) is to attract high quality entrants to the school and to retain students of exceptional quality who may be attracted by similar scholarships at other institutions.

The purpose of Bursaries or financial assistance is to provide support for existing families, who are experiencing financial difficulties and who otherwise would be unable to meet the full cost of the fees.

The purpose of Academic Awards or Endowment Fund Awards is to recognise academic excellence, accomplishments in other fields and/or exceptional commitment to the school.

Scholarships & Exhibitions

1. **What are scholarships and exhibitions?**

Scholarships and exhibitions are awards that include a certain percentage of fee remission which are granted to deserving students from Grades 7 to 12 who meet certain criteria based on the recommendation of the School's Scholarship Committee. The objective of offering these scholarships and exhibitions is to attract high quality entrants to the school and to retain students of exceptional quality.

2. **What are the types of scholarships and exhibitions?**

The following FOUR types of scholarships are awarded to internal and external students, provided we have a place available in the grade levels and depending on the available budget:

Academic:

- **Foundation Scholarship** – This will be awarded to exceptional students from Grades 7 - 10 (100% fee remission), this scholarship may not be offered every year;
- **Merit Scholarship** – This will be awarded to students from Grades 7 - 12 (50% fee remission);
- **Merit Scholarship** – This will be awarded to students from Grades 7 – 12 (25% fee remission);
- **Merit Exhibition** – This will be awarded to students from Grades 7 - 12 (15% fee remission);

Co-curricular:

•**Co-curricular Exhibition** – This will be awarded to students from Grades 7 - 12 who have demonstrated outstanding contribution in any aspect of school's co-curricular programmes, such as co-curricular activities, Sports, Performing and Visual Arts (15% fee remission)

3. What are the criteria for scholarships?

To be eligible for the academic scholarships, applicants must be able to show evidence of the following:

- Achieved the Principal and Head of School Awards during the last two academic years and half of the current school year for ABS students (achieved an average of at least 90% for external applicants);
- Maintained an exceptional record of co-curricular activities in the areas of Sports, Performing and/or Visual Arts;
- Possess leadership qualities;
- Maintained exemplary behaviour and excellent disciplinary record;
- Has an excellent command of Arabic and English languages both reading and writing, as well as ICT skills.

To be eligible for the co-curricular exhibition, applicants must be able to show evidence of the following:

- Must demonstrate excellence in the designated area as supported by confidential recommendations from school staff;
- A good standard of academic progress is required;
- Exemplary behaviour and excellent disciplinary record.

4. **When does this process start and when should it end?** The process starts in December when the Registrar sends an email (in both Arabic and English) to the parents (for the following academic year) of Grades 7 - 12. An advertisement is then published in the local newspapers (English and Arabic) to also invite external candidates who meet the criteria to apply and benefit from this opportunity.

The deadline for accepting applications will be published in the email and advertisement. Applications that are submitted after the deadline will NOT be accepted. The target date for finalizing the scholarship process is by the end of January/early February.

5. Should students who are currently awarded a scholarship/exhibition apply again if they wish to be awarded again?

Current students who received a scholarship in the past year(s) will not be required to submit an application for renewal. However, each of the student's record will be reviewed annually by the Scholarship Committee in order to determine if the student has maintained the same standard of merit. Each student will be interviewed by the committee. The scholarship award will be rescinded if the student fails to meet the set criteria and the academic eligibility for the award. In addition, the Committee can change the type of award based on the student's record and performance (for example change from Merit Exhibition of 15% fee remission to Merit Scholarship of fee remission of 25%.)

6. What happens after receiving applications?

Successful applications will be assigned an interview time (10-15 minutes per student) with the Scholarship Committee. Applicants for the academic scholarships will be assessed against the following criteria (each out of 10):

- Communication skills and bilingualism (Arabic and English)
- Clear expression of ideas
- Mature reflection and originality of thought
- Leadership skills

The total for the interview (out of 40) will be recorded on the spread sheet. The breakdown of the percentage for each area on the spread sheet for internal candidates will be as follows:

- The applicant's school academic record (60%)
- Interview (40%)

The breakdown of the percentage for each area on the spread sheet for external candidates will be as follows:

- The applicants school academic record (30%)
- The applicant's results in the school's entrance exams (30%)
- Interview (40%)

The final total (out of 100%) will be calculated for each applicant.

- Applicants for the Co-curricular Exhibition will also be called for an interview with the Scholarship Committee who will make a final decision on their eligibility for this award.
- The Registrar notifies students in writing of the Scholarship Committee's decision. This includes applicants who did not receive any scholarship/exhibition. A copy of this letter is kept in the student's individual school file.
- If any external or internal applicant does not wish to accept the allocated scholarship/exhibition, the money goes to the next applicant on the list according to the ranking on the spread sheet.

- The Scholarship Committee's decision will be sent to the Finance Department who will process the fee remission percentage for each student. Parents who have already completed tuition payment will receive a refund by check.

7. **Can a student be considered for more than one exhibition/scholarship, financial assistance or staff reduction schemes?**

Students will be considered for only **ONE** scholarship/exhibition (either academic or co-curricular). If the student is already benefiting from fee remission as part of the school's financial assistance scheme or staff reduction scheme, this student will be considered for the highest value of any ONE type of fee remission.

Bursaries and Financial Assistance

A Bursary provides for financial assistance with fees, which is based on a 'means test' and proof of financial need. Bursaries are awarded to existing families who fall into financial need. The school requires interested parents to complete an application form and attach a full disclosure of their financial situation which demonstrates that the family is no longer able to meet their children's fees without assistance. Although students are expected to have a strong academic record, the main criterion that is stressed is financial need. Information on the academic standing and attitude of the student is gathered from Heads of School and financial information is gathered from the families. The decision then rests with the Financial Assistance Committee who makes specific awards based on the individual financial circumstances. These awards are could be monetary amount rather or a percentage and need to be approved on an annual basis.

Eligibility

- Available to students in Grades 6-12.
- Tenable for one year only.
- Made at the school's discretion, taking into account student's merit and the family's financial circumstances.

Parents are reminded in March that annual fee reductions awarded each academic year are **not automatically renewable**.

Baccalaureate Endowment Fund Awards

The BEF Awards are financial awards given to outstanding students in a range of academic and non – academic areas. They provide recognition for outstanding academic and co-curricular achievements and provide an opportunity to publically celebrate the annual achievement of the student. At ABS, currently there are a wide range of Endowment Fund Awards that are managed on a separate basis by the individual schools. Sponsors and donors fund each award by paying JD500, of which **JD300** goes for each award and **JD200** goes to the Endowment Fund. The awards will be presented at a general School function, in addition to individual school events and assemblies.

Parents are invited to support the BEF Awards by donating JD500 for an award of their choice. JD300 is paid out for each award and JD200 goes to the Endowment Fund. The awards will be presented at a general school function.

School Administration Awards

- Principal's Award MYS and IB College
- Head of IB Diploma College Awards Criteria IB College
- Head of Middle Years School's Awards Criteria MYS
- IB Learner Profile Award IB College

Graduation Awards (Updated for 2016)

- Grade 12 Graduation Awards
 - Academic Excellence Award (Top 3 Rankings)
 - Academic Improvement Award (Top 5 Improvers)
 - Subject Awards
 - Positive Attitude Towards Learning Awards

- Co-curricular Awards
 - Athletics Award
 - CAS
 - Community Service Awards
 - International Engagement Awards
 - Outstanding Contribution to all Aspects of School Life Award
 - MUN Awards

- Five Special Awards
 1. Khalil Talhouni Award (Self-Nominated)
 2. ECIS Student Award for International Understanding (Self-Nominated)
 3. Council of International Schools Global Citizenship Award
 4. Environment Award
 5. Board of Trustees Distinguished Representation of Jordan Award

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