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Amman Bacculaureate School

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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.

# Scholarships & Exhibitions

## **INTRODUCTION**

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.

## **TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

The following types of scholarships are awarded to internal students starting Grade 7 and external students applying for Grade 9 onwards provided the applicant initially meets the criteria for admission:

### **Academic:**

- "Foundation Scholar" Scholarship – This will be awarded to one or more students (100% fee remission), this scholarship may not be offered every year;
- Merit Scholarship – 1<sup>st</sup> category - This will be awarded to six or more students (50% fee remission);
- Merit Scholarship – 2<sup>nd</sup> category - This will be awarded to six or more students (25% fee remission);
- Merit Exhibition – This will be awarded to six or more students (15% fee remission).

### **Co-curricular:**

- Co-curricular Exhibition – This will be awarded to three or more students 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).

### **World Academy of Sport (WAoS):**

- World Academy of Sport Scholarship for Grade 11 students (**100%** fee remission) aims to provide a flexible offering of IB education whereby student athletes are provided with a timetable combining their sport and educational commitments over a period of 3 years. This will allow student athletes to extend the last two years of secondary school by one extra year and improve sport, school and life balance for competitive student athletes who have to compete very often in international competitions and in the process have to miss a lot of school days.

## **CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Academic Scholarships** - To be eligible, applicants must be able to show evidence of the following:

- *For internal candidates:*

- Students in Grades 6: Achieved the Head of School Award for the first semester of the current academic year. Previous school reports and teachers' confidential recommendations will also be considered.
- Students in Grade 7: Achieved the Head of School Award for the first semester of the current academic year and the Principal's award for last academic year.
- Students in Grades 8, 9 and 10: Achieved the Head of School Award for the first semester of the current academic year and the Principal's award for last two academic years.

- *For External candidates:*

- Achieved an average equivalent of 90% or above in the current academic year and the last two years.
- Maintained an excellent 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 (with the exception of international students) and English languages both reading and writing, as well as ICT skills.

**Co-curricular Scholarship** - To be eligible, applicants must be able to show evidence of the following:

- Must demonstrate exceptional performance in the designated area as supported by confidential recommendations from school staff.
- A good standard of academic progress is required with an average of no less than a score of 5 out of 7 IB level.
- Exemplary behaviour and excellent disciplinary record.

**World Academy of Sport Scholarship (WAoS):** - To be eligible, applicants must be competitive student athletes who are able to show evidence of the following:

- Demonstrate an outstanding record of performance in a sport as supported by confidential recommendations from the relevant sports federation.
- Has a strenuous daily/weekly training schedule.
- Participates regularly in international competitions that result in being absent from school for numerous days annually.
- Be committed to follow a flexible offering of IB education through a timetable combining their sport and educational commitments over a period of up to three years.
- Be able to meet the school's admission criteria.
- A good standard of academic progress is required with an average of no less than a score of 5 out of 7 IB level (or 80% or more for external candidates).
- Exemplary behaviour and excellent disciplinary record.

### **The Process Begins:**

In December of each academic year, the Registrar begins the process by sending an email to parents and students of Grades 6, 7 and 8 inviting them to submit applications if they meet the criteria. An advertisement is also published in local newspapers inviting external applicants for Grade 9 onwards and who qualify for admission first, before meeting the criteria of the scholarship, with the exception of students applying for W AoS scholarship that is open to only students who will be in Grade 11. The advertisement is also published on the school's website for further access of information to the school community and the general public. The deadline for accepting application will be clearly published. Applications that are submitted after this deadline will NOT be accepted.

### **Members of the Scholarship Committee:**

The Committee is chaired by the Vice Principal responsible for the Secondary Phase. The Committee also includes the following members: Head of Middle Years School, Head of IB College, Director of Whole School IB Continuum and Registrar / Admissions Manager. The Committee in charge of evaluating applications for the World Academy of Sport Scholarship includes the Chair, Head of IB College, Director of Whole School Achievement and Well-being and Athletics Director.

### **Renewal of Scholarships:**

Students who are awarded a scholarship do not need to submit an application for renewal every year. Each student's record will be reviewed annually by the Scholarship Committee to determine if the student has maintained the same standard of merit. If the student does not achieve the minimum required academic merit of 6 (5 for Co-curricular or W AoS Scholarships) during the first semester, the scholarship will be placed on probation to allow the student to improve during the second semester. If the student continues to achieve below the required average and fails to meet the set criteria, the scholarship award will then be rescinded.

In addition, during its annual review of each student's records, the Committee reserves the right to increase or decrease the percentage of the academic award based on the level of achievement of each student and based on available funds for increase.

### **Evaluation of Applications:**

- After the Registrar compiles the applications for the Committee's review and evaluation, an initial screening is conducted to first verify that each applicant has met the initial criteria. This involves checking the following for the 'Academic' scholarships:
  - ✓ The applicant's academic achievement record.
  - ✓ The applicant's co-curricular record.
  - ✓ The applicant's disciplinary record.

The following are reviewed for the Co-curricular Scholarship:

- ✓ The applicant's evidence of excellence in the designated area based on confidential reports submitted by school staff responsible for that activity.
- ✓ The applicant's disciplinary record.
- ✓ The applicant's general academic record.

The following are reviewed for the World Academy of Sport Scholarship:

- ✓ The applicant's evidence of being a competitive athlete with an outstanding record of performance in a sport as supported by confidential recommendations from the relevant sports federation.
  - ✓ The applicants' record of training schedule
  - ✓ The applicants' record of participation and performance in international competitions
  - ✓ The applicant's disciplinary record.
  - ✓ The applicant's general academic record.
- Students who do not meet the criteria will be contacted and informed of the reason for rejecting their application.
  - Students' records whose applications for the academic scholarships are accepted will be reviewed by the Registrar to assign a numerical value based on their academic achievement:
    - For internal applicants: an average of IB levels out of 7 is calculated. A numerical value out of 60% is given and entered onto a spread sheet.
    - For external applicants: an average of their school grades for the last 2 academic years and the first semester of the current year is calculated and a value out of 30% is recorded. The other 30% will be based on an ABS school's scholarship exam in Arabic, English and Mathematics.
  - 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 score achieved 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 applicant's 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.
- External Applicants for the World Academy of Sport Scholarship will first be required to submit an application for Admission. If the initial criteria are met, the applicant will be referred to the Scholarship Committee for interview and final evaluation. Internal applicants who meet the initial criteria will also be referred to the Scholarship Committee for an official interview and final evaluation.
- The Registrar will verify the allocated budget with the Chief Financial Officer to ensure that the budget amount will first cover the existing scholarship awards with extra amount for new applicants for each new academic year.
- The Scholarship Committee will meet to decide on the final allocation for applicants based on their overall total percentage out of 100% taking into consideration the available budget.
- The Principal confirms the scholarship/exhibition awards based on the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee after the allocated budget is approved by the Finance Sub-Committee of the Board of Trustees.
- The Registrar notifies students/parents 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 turns down the scholarship award, it will then be given to the next applicant on the list based on the ranking on the spread sheet (subject to available budget).
- After the final decisions on the scholarship awards have been determined and confirmed by the Principal, the Registrar will modify each student's tuition fee bill to incorporate the discount.
- A copy of the Budget spread sheet is sent to the Finance Department to ensure that fee statements reflect the fee remission of the scholarship award and to keep a record of students on a scholarship.

- Students will be considered for only ONE scholarship/exhibition (either academic or co-curricular)/fee remission scheme – such as Financial Aid, Staff Tuition Discount. The student is free to choose 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 that 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 could be monetary amount or a percentage of reduction from tuition fees only. Applications are required 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 that fee reduction as part of the Financial Aid programme is not automatically renewed for the following year. Applications must be submitted annually and there is no guarantee that it will be awarded every year

# **Baccalaureate Endowment Fund Awards**

As part of our sponsorship opportunities, we invite individuals who are interested in sponsoring a specific Baccalaureate Endowment Fund (BEF) Award in their family's or company's name to contact the Assistant Principal (Development).

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 students. At ABS, currently there are a wide range of Endowment Fund Awards that are managed on a separate basis by the individual sections of the schools. Sponsors and donors fund each award by paying JD500, of which JD300 goes for each student/students and JD200 goes into the BEF account to support the implementation of the ABS Master Plan.

The awards that have been given during previous academic years, and some new areas where we would like to reward excellence are listed below. Sponsors are welcome to select from the list below or free to suggest other subjects or grade levels in the Middle Years School (MYS) to sponsor:

## **MYS**

- Sports (Grade 6-10)
- Religion (Grades 6-10)
- Environment (Grade 6-10)
- Excellence in Arabic Speech (Grades 6-10)
- Empathy and Community Spirit (Grades 6-10)
- Creativity and Expression (Grades 6-10)
- Exemplary Behaviour (Grades 6-10)
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics)/STEAM (STEM plus the Arts component of innovation) (Grades 9 & 10)
- Overall Academic Excellence (Grade 10)

Once the sponsorships have been secured, the MYS pedagogical Leadership Team (PLT) will work with the sponsors to set the criteria that the MYS PLT will use to determine which students will be granted the awards.

BEF awards are given out during the end of academic year assemblies, with the exception of the Overall Academic Excellence that is given out at the beginning of the following academic year.

## School Administration Awards

### **Academic Award System in the Middle Years School:**

MYS students are eligible for the **Head of MYS Award** and the **Principal's Award**, which recognise consistent excellent academic achievement.

- 1- To qualify for the **Head of MYS Award for Excellent Academic Achievement**, a student should meet the following criteria:
  - achieve an average of MYP level 6 out of 7 for all subjects, i.e. If a student achieves a 5 in one subject, it has to be compensated with a 7 in another.
  - achieve *no less* than 5 in any subject.
  
- 2- To qualify for the **Head of MYS Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement**, a student should meet the following criteria:
  - more than half of the MYP levels are 7s
  - the lowest MYP level is 6 out of 7
  
- 3- To qualify for the **Principal's Award**, a student should get the **Head of MYS Award for Excellent Academic Achievement** criteria in both semesters. Therefore, this award is given ONLY at the end of the academic year.
  
- 4- To qualify for the **Principal's Award with one star** (a student should get the **Head of MYS Award for Excellent Academic Achievement** in one semester **and the Head of MYS Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement** in another semester). Therefore, this award is given ONLY at the end of the academic year.
  
- 5- To qualify for the **Principal's Award with two stars** (a student should meet **Head of MYS Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement** in each semester).

# Graduation Awards

## **Academic Awards:**

### ➤ **Subject Awards**

(Each Subject; not by each class but the whole subject)

### ➤ **Positive Attitude Towards Learning**

(Names given from subject departments)

### ➤ **Academic Improvement**

(Ranking Improvement since T1 G11)

### ➤ **Excellence in Academic Achievement**

(Top 5 Ranked students by end of T2 G12)

### ➤ **Awards for Positive Attitude to Learning**

- Independent learning
- Respecting others
- Working well in groups
- Meeting deadlines
- Punctuality
- Showing a willingness to always improve / inquire

(2 selected by teacher per class)

## **Co-curricular Awards:**

### **AMMUN Leadership Award**

- Leadership position at AMMUN Conference
- Outstanding contribution to MUN
- Exemplar behavior when representing ABS

### **Performing Arts**

- Contribution to Performing Arts Productions
- Stage Acting

- Backstage
- Production
- Music contribution

### **Two Sports Awards for Athletes**

1. Athletic ability
2. Exemplary conduct
3. Positive attitude

### **Outstanding Creativity Activity Service Award**

An outstanding CAS project that is presented to the year group. CAS Coordinator judges students presentations.

### **Creativity Activity Service Award**

- Quality of reflections on Managebac
- Outside school achievement
- Balance of activities in Creativity/ Activity Service

### **Global Citizens' Award**

- Selected from student applications
- Students who demonstrate a commitment to CIS Global Citizenship ideals :
- **Ethics...**  
research about, discussion of, and action related to issues of principle of personal, local, and global importance,
- **Diversity...**  
the understanding of and respect for the similarities and differences of a range of individuals and peoples,
- **Global Issues...**  
the understanding of multiple perspectives of local and global events and issues,
- **Communication...**  
the development of fluency in multiple languages, including mother tongues, used to communicate within and across cultures,
- **Service...**  
the development of the understandings, skills and dispositions to serve the local and global community through engagement in meaningful service learning,
- **Leadership...**  
the acquisition and refinement of the skills of leading and following within different cultural contexts, and
- **Sustainable Lifestyle...**  
a personal commitment to a lifestyle which supports local and global sustainability displayed through example and advocacy.

## **Outstanding Contribution to All Aspects of School Life**

- Members of the IBC Student Council Leadership Team
- must demonstrate the following characteristics
- role model for their peers,
- positive influence on school life,
- positive attitude,
- demonstrate consideration for school community

## **Exemplary Conduct Award**

- demonstrated good behavior throughout their school time
- clean behavior record
- behavior exemplifies “Al Tarbiyeh”

## **El Hassan Youth Award**

- Award Bronze, Silver, Gold from HYA for completion of expeditions

In addition to the following top awards:

## **ECIS Student Award for International Understanding**

- *A good representative of their own country, with a positive attitude toward the life and culture of others*
- *Able to converse in at least two languages*
- *A contributing force in the life of the school, with the ability to bring differing people together into a sense of community, thus furthering the cause of international understanding”.*

<https://www.ecis.org/grants-and-awards/student-awards/award-for-international-understanding>

## **Board of Trustees Award for Distinguished Representation of Jordan**

- The number of awards is at the discretion of the Board
- Awarded for excellence and national acclaim for Jordan in the sphere of activity

## **King Constantine Medal**

- Must have three or more awards in extracurricular related graduation awards
- Representing the Round Square IDEALS
- Overall Balanced lifelong learner who exemplifies “Al Tarbiyeh”



