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A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Antwerp International School Scholarship Programme, AIS Seeks Talent.

This publication provides detailed information about the programme, the necessary qualifications, and how to apply.

At AIS, students are encouraged to develop their unique talents. As part of our commitment to prepare students for their future, we are dedicated to giving children of all backgrounds the chance to thrive in our community.

As a result, the AIS Seeks Talent programme was developed to give all talented students the opportunity to attend our school, providing them with the best possible start in life. We look forward to learning more about you.

Sincerely,

Andreas Koini

Head of Antwerp International School

AIS Seeks Talent is a scholarship programme that offers local and international students access to a high-quality, intercultural and holistic education, even if their families find it a challenge to commit to the usual school fees.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP?

The school has a total capacity of 50 places for children through this programme. Both prospective and current students of AIS can apply. The scholarship is open to students from Kindergarten (age 5) to Grade 12 (age 17). Applications must come from individual families, not groups, corporate fee paying clients, organisations or missions.

The AIS Seeks Talent Scholarship Programme supports families that are unable to commit to the usual school fees and **cannot obtain alternative financial support** or any other form of educational support from their employer, the state or other party.

The scholarship is based on academic merit, extra-curricular talent and proven financial need. **Each application should contain detailed information about the family's financial situation.**

All participants in the Scholarship Programme – parents and students – agree to act as ambassadors of AIS, and will promote the school and its programmes within their community and beyond.



APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process has two stages:

General Admission: before applying for the scholarship, the student must participate in the **general admissions process and fill in the general admissions forms**, which will be treated confidentially. Please refer to the ADMISSIONS section on the official AIS website to complete the general admission process.

Applying for Scholarship: Once the general admissions process has been completed and the student has been **accepted**, the candidate can request the application forms for AIS Seeks Talent from the Admission Office through the website (ais-antwerp.be/admissions/scholarship) or via email (Kate Van Nuffelen kvannuffelen@ais-antwerp.be). All applications for participation in the Scholarship Programme have to be returned to the Admissions Office using only the form received from the official AIS Seeks Talent representative.

QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants will be assessed according to Academic Achievement and Attitudes to Learning, as described below.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Scholarship applicants must provide evidence of a **good level of academic achievement** or show academic promise in the case of Primary School applicants¹.

Students who show a **particular talent for and dedication to a single academic, sport or art-related field** may be given special consideration and must provide evidence of achievement in that particular field.

ATTITUDES TO LEARNING

Behaviour, Social Contribution and Motivation:

applicants must provide evidence of good behaviour and a positive contribution to the social climate of the (previous) school/community.

Attendance: applicants must provide evidence of consistent school attendance (students with a record of unexcused absences will not be considered for the programme).

GENERAL PARAMETERS AND REQUIREMENTS

The need for the Scholarship must be demonstrated through the application process, which requires detailed information about the family's financial situation².

Availability: A committee set up for this purpose determines the monetary amount of the scholarship. Participation in the Scholarship Programme is only granted in accordance with the available capacity (maximum number of students per class according to Board Policy, staff, space, and budgetary allocation). The Scholarship Programme confers no legally enforceable right to an actual reduction of fees, even when all criteria are fulfilled.

Note: the school reserves the right to withdraw participation in the Scholarship Programme at any time if any of the stated criteria are no longer met or business needs demand so.

Clean record of financial obligations with current and previous educational institutions: all invoices have been paid in a timely matter with no outstanding balance.

Family contribution to the school community: parents of applicants also need to demonstrate an active interest in the school or provide proof of their positive contribution to their previous school community.

¹ Only students with grades higher or equal to 5 – out of a maximum 7 IB score or equivalent scores in any other national or international system (75% in Belgium) - will be considered for the programme.

² The school reserves the right to check the accuracy of the information provided directly with third parties and/or to request a certified translation of specific financial documentation. In case of any doubt regarding the financial declaration, further investigations will be carried out by AIS.



DOCUMENTS THAT NEED TO BE SUBMITTED

MOTIVATION

- AIS Seeks Talent Application form
- Letter of motivation that includes detailed information about the following:
 1. Motivation for application
 2. Applicant's academic performance and approaches to learning (attendance, behaviour and a contribution to the social climate of the (previous) school/community)
 3. And/or exceptional talent or achievements (supportive documents required)
 4. Applicant's family situation and family's financial background

The Scholarship Committee will put very significant weight on the letter of motivation in determining whether awarding a scholarship is justified.

The application form must be submitted in a legible format, dated and signed. The required annexes in support of the application must be provided. Only complete applications will be considered. Any information sent to the school will be treated in strict confidence in accordance with the requirements of the Belgian Data Privacy Act.

FINANCIAL SITUATION

- Salary slips for the past 6 months.
- Most recent annual statement of Belgian income tax ("Aanslagbiljet personenbelasting" / "Avertissement extrait de rôle impôt des personnes physiques").
- If self-employed, your most recent annual financial statements ("Jaarrekening" / "Comptes annuels").
- Copy of the most recent bank statement relating to the mortgage(s) repayments.
- In case of a divorce, a copy of the divorce decree.
- Employer's statement detailing the contribution towards tuition fees. If none, a statement to that effect is required.

The Scholarship Committee will only consider your application if copies of all the listed above documents are enclosed for each income earner.





SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

A committee chaired by the Head of School reviews and decides on all applications received and meets regularly throughout the year.

If an applicant fulfils the requirements for participation in the Scholarship Programme, the committee will decide on the allocation of the available funds according to the following prioritised criteria for admission to the programme:

- Previous Academic Achievement of the student
- Previous Attitudes to Learning of the student
- Age of the student – students closer to graduation will be given priority
- Students from single-parent families
- Students from families with more than one child
- Date of receipt of the application

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME AMOUNT

Eligible students can expect a reduction in school fees, which will usually range between 20% and 60%. In exceptional and justified cases this reduction could extend to 85%.

The corresponding amount for the reduction in school fees is determined according to the following criteria:

- Gross annual family income (taxable and non-taxable income, benefits in kind, etc.)
- The family's assets and liabilities
- Any other support the family receives (financial support from relatives, etc.)

The gross annual income must be proven by the most recent tax statement and salary slips. Relevant statements from financial institutions must prove all liquid assets. Fixed assets must be proven by a complete list of property and the most recent financial statements for every company or business owned.

The Scholarship Programme is applicable to tuition fees, application fees and capital building fees only.



ANNUAL RE-EVALUATION

Continued participation in the Scholarship Programme will be re-evaluated each school year against qualification criteria as follows:

- At the end of each academic year, participation will be renewed so long as qualification criteria continue to be fulfilled.
- A re-evaluation of financial need will be carried out every year during the re-enrolment procedure or if a student's lifestyle becomes inconsistent with the level of the Scholarship provided.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact Kate Van Nuffelen for an application form (if the general admissions process has been completed successfully) or for more information: kvannuffelen@ais-antwerp.be.

Thank you again for your interest. **We look forward to receiving your application!**





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