

International School of Penang (Uplands) IB Diploma Programme Scholarship Guidelines

The International School of Penang (Uplands) is a not-for-profit, co-educational and non-denominational day and boarding school for students aged between 4 – 18 years old. We aim to provide an exemplar international education in a dynamic multi-cultural environment, encouraging all school members to be active learners and engage with the local and wider community.

Our values are important to us. As an international community we uphold the School's Guiding Statements, nurturing its members to become globally minded citizens.

Respect - Inquiry - Collaboration - Resilience - Balance - Diversity - Integrity

We live our motto, Respect for Self. Respect for Others.

The IB Diploma Programme (DP)

The IB Diploma Programme (DP) is a rigorous, academically challenging, and balanced programme of education designed to prepare students aged 16 to 19 for success at university and life beyond. The curriculum is made up of the DP core and six subject groups: studies in language and literature; language acquisition; individuals and societies; sciences; mathematics; and the arts. In addition to the six subjects, the DP core aims to broaden students' educational experience and challenge them to apply their knowledge and skills through Theory of knowledge, in which students reflect on the nature of knowledge and on how we know what we claim to know; The extended essay, which is an independent, self-directed piece of research, finishing with a 4,000-word paper; and Creativity, activity, service, in which students complete experiences and projects related to those three strands. More information can be found at <https://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/>.

The Scholarship

This scholarship may cover up to 100% tuition cost for up to 6 students. Students will commence in August of 2019, at the beginning of the first year of the IB programme.

Deadline and procedure for application

Friday, 12th April 2019. Only complete applications will be accepted.

Please email the required information to admissions@uplands.org, copied to Ms Geneva Robinson, DP Coordinator grobinson@uplands.org

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to interviews and assessments on the 29th or 30th of April.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by 6th May, 2019.

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Eligibility

This scholarship is open to qualified students for entry into the IB Diploma Programme. The application can be made by any student of any nationality who either currently attends Uplands or who hopes to attend, and who can demonstrate the following criteria:

A successful applicant for the IB Diploma Programme Scholarship will be able to demonstrate:

- How they characterise the school's values and the IB Learner Profile
- An understanding of the nature of the IB Diploma Programme and how they will be able to meet the different elements of the program.
- A well rounded portfolio of excellence across all subjects.
- A particular passion and interest that they wish to pursue at Uplands.
- A commitment to serving their community.
- How an Uplands education can make a difference to their life and their community

Successful applicants will submit the following parts of the application, each of which will demonstrate how s/he exemplifies the above qualities:

- PART 1. Personal information including MyKad/passport number
- PART 2. CV and school records/reports including any school certified results (including PMR/SPM forecast results, if relevant) (*Uplands students do not need to include school records/reports*)
- PART 3. Personal statement (see below)
- PART 4. A letter of recommendation from a community member who knows her/him well
- PART 5. A letter of recommendation from a teacher or counsellor who knows her/him well

Successful applicants will complete the following parts of the application, each of which will demonstrate how s/he exemplifies the above qualities:

- PART 6. A series of assessments on 29th or 30th of April at Uplands
- PART 7. A selection interview.

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PART 1. Personal information

General Information

1. Full name:

Gender:

Date of birth:

MyKad/passport number:

2. Home mailing address:

City:

Contact email:

Contact phone:

3. Present school:

Number of years attending current school:

Address:

City:

Head of school:

4. Previous School:

Number of years attending previous school:

Address:

City:

Head of school:

Current Guardians' Data

Name of Parent 1:

Relationship to the student

Level of education:

Contact number(s):

Email address:

Name of Parent 2:

Relationship to the student

Level of education:

Contact number(s):

Email address:

Applicant's statement

I certify that the information given in this application is complete, authentic and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If awarded the scholarship, I agree to comply with any regulations set by the International School of Penang (Uplands) and to contribute to and support the school to the best of my ability.

Applicant's Signature:

Date:



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PART 4. Letter of Recommendation - Community Member

To be completed by a person over 18 years old from the community, such as someone who knows the applicant well through his/her community services or otherwise. He/she must NOT be a teacher or a member of the applicant's school staff.

To the referee:

You are invited to write a 300-word letter of recommendation for this applicant in English. We would like to know your relationship with the applicant, how long you have known her/him and your assessment of her/his characteristics including persistence, organisational skills, how well she/he works with others, conduct and behaviour, leadership, self-confidence and discipline.

Please provide the letter in a sealed envelope. You may be contacted by the the International School of Penang (Uplands) during the selection process. Include your contact information, including email address and telephone number.

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Part 5: Letter of Recommendation - Teacher or Counsellor

To be completed by a teacher or counsellor who is most knowledgeable about the applicant's personal qualities and academic skills.

To the applicant's teacher or counsellor:

We appreciate your information about this applicant. Please provide the letter of recommendation and completed table below in a signed and sealed envelope. You may be contacted by the International School of Penang (Uplands) during the selection process

Please print your full name:

Professional title or position:

Telephone:

Email Address:

Please rate the student according to his/her demonstration of the following skills and attributes:

	Below average	Average	Above average	Outstanding
Intellectual curiosity				
Organisational skills				
Persistence				
Peer relationships				
Adult relationships				
Conduct and behaviour				
Leadership				
Self confidence				
Maturity				
Discipline				

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Scholarship Application Checklist

To help you with the application process please use this checklist to ensure that your application is complete.

Only complete applications will be considered by the Selection Committee.

Your application will be considered complete with the following:

- Fully completed application form with personal and parent details
- CV and School Records (Uplands students do not need to include school records)
- Personal Statement
- Letter of Recommendation from Community Member
- Letter of Recommendation from School Teacher/Counsellor