



GEMS CIK SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

GEMS Education is driven by a singular purpose, to put a quality education within the reach of every student. In GEMS we are a window into a vibrant tomorrow - to their future, and their endless potential.

GEMS Cambridge International School Kampala (CIK) is committed to recognising and supporting student excellence. We are committed to the highest standards of academic excellence and dedicated to providing the best possible education for our students by developing the knowledge, understanding, skills and values essential for self-directed, life-long learning. We will develop in intellectually capable young people the creative minds, healthy bodies and ethical spirit needed to contribute wisdom, compassion and leadership to a global society.

We offer a fully inclusive curriculum based upon the National Curriculum for England that underpins our ethos of care, support and guidance, alongside high academic achievement.

We also have a pastoral system of four houses which offers a healthy sense of competition and leadership opportunities as well as a sense of belonging for all students, making the learning environment feel much smaller and safer.

Teaching **the National Curriculum for England** for students from Foundation Stage to Year 13, we provide opportunities for students to develop their full, all-around potential through a rich academic programme combined with a variety of extra-curricular activities that will enable students to view the world from different perspectives, examine various points of view and see themselves as part of our changing world community.

At **GEMS CIK** we recognise that our students have talents in **Academics, Sport, Music and Drama** and we seek to develop and enable our students to achieve maximum possibilities in the pursuit of high standards of excellence across all measures, within the concept of Global Citizenship.

Scholarship Guidelines

- Scholarships are awarded on merit and will be subject to regular termly and annual review.
- They may be held for the duration of the student's time at GEMS CIK.
- Scholarships are offered on a ranging scale.
- 50% - 100% scholarships for fees will be awarded to candidates for academic year 2019/2020

The GEMS Cambridge International School Kampala scholarships are offered to:

- Reward and encourage excellence.
- Recognise outstanding achievement or promise in the disciplines identified
- Provide regular opportunities for prominence and leadership within a given specialism



Criteria for Scholarships

The **Scholarship Committee** considers the following criteria when distributing scholarships:

1. Personal Suitability

Your **Personal Statement** should be no more than 1 page and should include the following:

- Information about yourself which supports your application.
- Why you have chosen to study at GEMS CIK.
- What you think you will achieve personally, academically and socially?
- Any extra-curricular activities you are involved in which you feel support your application (for example impact on community involvement, memberships of sporting or community clubs and associations).
- Why you think you would be a good ambassador for GEMS CIK
- Attitude / experience,
- Initiative
- Any international experience, civic / social engagement
- Your contribution to the diversity of the student body.

2. Portfolio of Supporting Evidence

- Strength of Academics and/or Sport / Creative Arts,
- References
- Testimonials
- Academic Performance - grades/transcripts, general academic qualification, linguistic qualification.
- Photographic / Documentary Evidence
- Work Experience.

3. Attitude and Performance

- Motivation
- Determination
- Commitment to achievement
- Impact on community
- Compelling evidence of motivation to study at GEMS CIK.

4. Personal Handwritten Essay

- **The Principal** is responsible for managing the administration of scholarships.
- Scholarships are available at Year 8 to Year 12 but assessments for scholarships may be conducted at any time throughout the year.
- Applicants may enter for a scholarship no more than twice in any one year.



Application Timeline

	Candidates
Application deadline	4 th June 2019
Short-listing of candidates:	6 th – 7 th 2019
Assessment / examinations:	8 th June 2019
Final Interviews with selected candidates.	14 th June 2019
Confirmation of Scholarship Offer	19 th June 2019
Acceptance Letter Received	27 th June 2019

Application Procedure

Candidates should complete the following process:

- Complete the scholarship application form (enclosed).
- Attach supporting documentary evidence including Personal Statement and Portfolio (pdf)
- Attach the required essay, completed in the student's own words. This should be handwritten.
- **Please submit this application form, essay, supporting documents (if any) and report progress results in Hard Copy directly to the school or a soft copy via email to; scholarship_cik@gemsedu.com>**
- **By the closing agreed date; 4th June 2019**

Letter of Offer

- Following the selection process the Principal will send a letter to each candidate.
- This will be either offering a scholarship or explaining that the candidate has not met the criteria on this occasion. Unsuccessful applicants may be offered the opportunity of a full fee-paying place if there are vacancies within the school.
- The offer will clarify the:
 - Value of the scholarship
 - Period for which the scholarship applies or will be reviewed
 - In what ways the student is expected to make a contribution to the life of the school community
- **Monitoring of progress and attainment** and circumstances where the scholarship may be withdrawn
Student's performance (including attitude, contribution to school life and progress) are monitored and reviewed by the Principal and Head of School.
- **This process** involves
 - Discussion with the student
 - Review of assessment of his or her attainment and progress in the area in which the scholarship has been awarded.
 - The student should at least, continue to demonstrate the potential and commitment seen at the time of the award in order to retain it.
- Parents are required to confirm acceptance of the scholarship in writing within one week. External candidates are also required to register with the school at the same time.



Note: GEMS Cambridge International School Kampala reserves the right to withdraw the scholarships where documents submitted cannot be evidenced.

Scholarship Application Form

Application Form

- This form is important and helps the Scholarship Committee get to know the applicant. We appreciate thoughtful responses, and encourage the student to take time to best represent the candidate as a person and why he/she deserves a scholarship.

End-of-Year Results

- Outstanding performance in the specific area is only part of the criteria.
- For all applicants, academic success is an important component of being a member of the school.
- Please provide results of either your end-of-year or interim reports (whichever is most recent). However, if you have not received them yet, please submit results from the previous year.
- Semi-finalists in the next stage of the selection process need to submit original copies for verification.

Assessment Criteria

- Students applying for a part scholarship in the following year groups will have to demonstrate the following **Academic Profile**:
 - Year 8 Students; Progress reports or equivalent
 - Year 9 External Students: International UK NC or Equivalent assessed as high performing
 - Year 10 (Internal or International)
 - Year 12 All Students IGCSE Minimum 8 A* - C
- **Internal Assessment**
Shortlisted candidates will be invited to sit online assessments. These will support the candidate's application evidence.
- **Personal Statement and Portfolio of Supporting Evidence**
Along with the essay, applicants are invited to submit a persuasive Personal Statement and Portfolio of Supporting Evidence, for example showcasing achievement both visually and through the documentation of academic achievements.
- **The Essay**
The hand-written essay gives you the opportunity to share why you are interested in a scholarship to study at GEMS Cambridge International School Kampala.
 - The format is entirely up to you.
 - The length of the essay is restricted to one A4 sheet, double-sided.
 - It should be handwritten.



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➤ **Supporting Documents**

A maximum of three pages of additional information, certificates or testimonials will be accepted. Please clearly label all supporting application items with the candidate's name. These will be returned, if requested.

➤ **Submission**

Please submit this application form, essay, supporting documents (if any) and report progress results as:

- **Hard copy directly to the school or soft copy via email to: scholarship_cik@gemsedu.com**