

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS SIA-NOL UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION PHRASE

How do I apply for the SIA-NOL Undergraduate Scholarship?

Simply apply for admissions at <http://www.nus.edu.sg/oam/apply/>. Eligible candidates will be short listed to sit for a scholarship interview. No separate scholarship application form is needed.

How do I get short listed for the SIA-NOL Undergraduate Scholarship?

The selection of students for interview is based on the academic results of the candidates. Leadership and participation in extra curricular activities will be assessed during the interview.

Is my financial situation taken into consideration for the selection of scholarship interview?

Financial situation of applicants is **not** taken into consideration.

What is the minimum grade to be selected for interview?

We do not stipulate minimum grades required of the candidates. However, according to our past records, applicants invited to present themselves for scholarship interviews are likely to have obtained results well above 90% in the Indian Standard 12 examinations.

How many scholarships are given out annually?

We award about 40-50 scholarships a year. However, this number will vary from year to year. NUS reserves the right not to award all the 40 – 50 scholarships if there are insufficient good candidates.

Are applicants offering different examination boards be considered differently?

Yes, this has to be so as different examination boards employ different grading systems.

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INTERVIEW PHRASE

When do I know if I have been short listed for interview?

There are two interview seasons. Selected applicants (with actual year 12 results) will be notified via email in February / March and applicants (awaiting for their year 12 results) in April / May.

What will I be tested for during the interview?

The purpose of the interview is to ascertain whether the candidates will adapt well to Singapore's education system. Other personal traits such as leadership, interests, and achievement will also be assessed.

What should I bring for the interview?

Candidates invited to sit for the interview are to present the following documents at the session :

- 1) a clear, recent photograph to be retained by the interviewer;
- 2) passport for verification of identity
- 3) a copy of actual Year 12/High School results to be retained by the interviewer

Will I be reimbursed for traveling to attend the interview?

Candidates are expected to bear their own travel expenses.

CANDIDATES OFFERED A PLACE AT NUS

When am I expected to arrive at the University?

Be prepared to come to Singapore in mid – late July. All successful applicants for admissions, including scholarship holders, will be given a copy of Freshmen Guide which provides useful information on immigration, health check, and etc.

How should I arrange for my accommodation in NUS?

Scholars will have accommodation in NUS arranged for them. If they have applied for accommodation in NUS prior to being offered the scholarship, they should inform the University to avoid double-reservation.

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CAREER PHRASE

Will my salary be deducted to pay for the scholarship?

Scholars offered to work at the sponsor company will receive salary based on prevailing market rates. Scholars are expected to negotiate their terms and conditions with the company during the employment interview.

Can I delay my bond fully or partially to pursue higher studies?

Scholars who have applied successfully for a Master's degree programme in NUS or the Nanyang Technological University (NTU) can apply to NUS Registrar for the delay in the serving of the bond. Full time studies in an institution outside Singapore prior to completion of the bond, is **not** permitted. Part time studies in any institution while serving the bond is allowed.

What are my obligations if I wish to break my bond?

Scholars who break their bond voluntarily will be required to pay liquidated damages outlined as follows: Total amount of scholarship funds disbursed to scholar x 10% compound interest (compounded annually) x number of months left to completion of bond. Scholars who have not completed serving their Tuition Grant (TG) Bond will also be subjected to liquidated damages for the TG enjoyed.

What should I do if the sponsor does not offer me employment at the end of my course?

Scholars who are not offered employment by the sponsor company after graduation should seek employment with a Singapore registered company to serve out their bond.

Will I be given priority for promotion as a scholar?

Promotion is subject to performance evaluation by the company the scholar is employed.

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ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

How is my performance at the University evaluated?

Scholars are expected to achieve an average of “B” grade every semester. Failing which, the scholar will be given one academic warning before having the scholarship suspended. If the suspended scholar meets the renewal criteria of “B” grade average the following semester, the scholarship will be renewed. Otherwise, the scholarship will be terminated. Scholars who are assessed to be performing poorly after 1 academic warning may also have their scholarships terminated. Scholars who are not able to achieve the Cumulative Average Point (CAP) of 1.5 will have their scholarships terminated immediately.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Who is eligible for the SIA-NOL Undergraduate Scholarship?

The SIA-NOL Undergraduate Scholarship is open to all Indian nationals who are completing or have completed the Indian Standard 12 or equivalent High School qualification in the year of admission.

What do I receive under this scholarship scheme?

Scholars will receive the following:

- 1) one economy class one way airfare from country of origin to Singapore to begin their studies at NUS;
- 2) one economy class one way airfare from Singapore to country of origin upon gainfully employed in a Singapore registered company, after graduation;
- 3) tuition fees portion (after the Tution Grant);
- 4) one-off S\$200 settling-in allowance;
- 5) S\$6,000 living allowance per annum; and
- 6) accommodation allowance pegged to the lowest on-campus double room rate.

*note: Scholarship is tenable for a maximum of 6 semesters of studies for scholars graduating without Honours degree; and a maximum of 8 semesters of studies with Hounours degree.

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Honours and a maximum of 8 semesters of studies for graduating with Honours.

Can I participate in student exchange or other special programmes?

Scholars are allowed to participate in all programmes offered by the University. However, the scholars will be responsible for additional tuition fees and personal expenses if they need extra semesters of studies arising from their participation in these programmes.