



2024/2026 IST Scholarship Announcement

The International School of Tianjin is once again proud to announce its scholarship program for students in their final two years of school. The purpose of the scholarship program at IST is twofold: first, it provides an outstanding educational opportunity each year for a limited number of current IST students of exceptional talent who are experiencing clearly-demonstrated financial need; and second, it provides that same opportunity to a limited number of non-IST students of exceptional talent in order to enrich the overall quality of both our student population and our IB Diploma Programme. This latter group may or may not have financial need.

Description and Value of Scholarships

The IST scholarships are awarded for a period of up to two years to students about to enter 11th grade. The following scholarships are offered:

- Full scholarships: equivalent to the cost of all tuition (components A & B) for grades 11 and 12.
- Tuition scholarships: equivalent to the cost of tuition only (component B) for grades 11 and 12.
- Bursaries: equivalent to half the cost of tuition (half of component B) for grades 11 and 12.

IST scholarship students will benefit from an outstanding education in their final two years of school. Students who successfully complete the two-year programme will be awarded the IST High School Diploma. IST is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, and students have the opportunity to earn the full IB Diploma, which is highly regarded by competitive universities worldwide as an entrance qualification.

Selection Process

A maximum of three IST scholarships or bursaries may be awarded every year to current-IST-student candidates. A similar number will be awarded to students outside of the IST community. The selection process will include examinations, a formal interview, and a final selection by the IST Scholarship Committee of the IST School Board of Governors.

In making its recommendations, the IST Scholarship Committee will give consideration to:

- Candidates who demonstrate a high level of academic potential
 - IST candidates **must** have achieved honors/high honors or equivalent in at least 2 of the previous three semesters.
 - IST candidates **must** also include an outline of how they intend to contribute to the school culture and demonstrate the IST philosophy in their application statement.
 - Other candidates must be in the top 25 percent of their school class
- Candidates who have the ability to make a significant contribution to the life of the school
 - through heavy involvement in CAS activities
 - through active promotion of the IB Diploma programme
 - through active leadership within the school community
- Specifically for current IST students, candidates who have a demonstrated need for financial assistance.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

Students of all nationalities are invited to apply for an IST scholarship. Current students at IST with demonstrable financial difficulty are welcome to apply. A strong command of written and spoken English is essential. It is the policy of the school that a family cannot receive more than 1 full scholarship at any given time. Students with other family members currently receiving scholarships may not be offered scholarships for the full two years of the award.



Method of Application

All candidates should contact the school to receive an application package. **The closing date for applications is Thursday, February 1st, 2024.** Applications received after this deadline will not be considered. The scholarship examinations will be held on Saturday, February 24th from 9:00am to 2:30pm. Interviews with qualified candidates will be held on or about March 6th. Scholarship awards will be announced by early April.

Required Documents

Students will need to obtain copies of their last two school reports. If they are in a language other than English, they must be translated and notarized.

From the Student

A Personal Statement that includes:

- Information about you and your interests.
- Why you are applying for the scholarship at the International School of Tianjin.
- Transcript from your current school that has reference to honor roll and/or class ranking
- A minimum of **two letters of reference** that detail the character of the applicant in terms of his/her honesty, integrity and maturity. Character references can be from teachers or other adults in a supervisory position but cannot be from family members or close acquaintances. *(For IST students, a brief email reference from a teacher can be sent directly to Mr. Conway)*
- For IST students, an outline of how they intend to contribute to the school culture and demonstrate the IST philosophy.
- Any other details relevant to your scholarship application.

From the IST Parent

If consideration of financial hardship is sought, parents must provide the following:

- Their own formal letter of explanation, detailing their financial circumstances.
- A letter from an employer which clearly states that tuition is not provided for by the company, either directly or indirectly (in the form of an employee stipend or a salary adjustment).



The Scholarship Selection Process

Application

Students wishing to apply for a scholarship must submit the Scholarship Application Form **no later than 12:00 pm Thursday, February 1st, 2024**. This form includes personal details and educational background.

Students must also attach any and all required supporting documentation (see details in 'Required Documents' information).

Incomplete applications will not be considered and late submissions will not be accepted.

Examinations

Examinations will be held at the school on Saturday, February 24th from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Students will complete three examination papers

- a) Mathematics – testing mathematical skills and problem solving.
9:00am – 10:30am
- b) English – testing reading comprehension and essay writing.
10:45am – 12:15pm
- c) Science – a test of general problem solving, logic skills and scientific writing. This is not based on any specific course content.
12:30pm – 1:45pm

Interview

Following the examinations, selected candidates will be invited for an interview with the selection panel. The selection panel will consist of the Director, the Secondary Principal, the Diploma Coordinator and members of the IST Board of Governors. The contribution that the student can make to the school and their long term and short-term goals, will be the main points for discussion. Students are welcome to bring supporting evidence to the interview. *Interviews are on Wednesday, March 6th.*

Results

Candidates will be informed of their results by early April.



Scholarship Application Form

Student Information:				
_____		_____		Gender: Male / Female
Family Name		First Name		
_____		_____		
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)		Age		
_____		_____		
Nationality & Citizenship		Native Language		
Language(s) Spoken at Home: _____				
Other Languages Spoken: _____				
E-mail Address: _____				
Schools Attended: (Begin with present school)				
Grade(s)	School Name	Location (city/country)	Language(s) of Instruction	Dates Attended (mm/yy – mm/yy)

Please complete all parts of this application form.





Parent Information:

(Please attach a business card with your company name and address)

Father:

_____	_____	_____
Last Name	First Name	Nationality & Citizenship
_____	_____	_____
Company Name	Position	
Address: _____		

_____	_____	_____
Telephone Number	Fax Number	E-Mail Address

Mother:

_____	_____	_____
Last Name	First Name	Nationality & Citizenship
_____	_____	_____
Company Name	Position	
Address: _____		

_____	_____	_____
Telephone Number	Fax Number	E-Mail Address

Signatures:

_____	_____
Student	Father
_____	_____
Mother	Date

