



AKADEMEIA'S SCHOLARSHIPS COMPETITION QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. How old do I have to be to apply for the scholarship?

You need to finish the appropriate school level to continue learning in Akademeia. Thus, to start at Year 10, you need to be completing this school year: 8th class in the Polish primary school, Year 9 in a British school, Grade 8 in an American school or corresponding grade in another school. For students to start at Year 12 you need to be completing this school year 2nd class of the Polish upper school (liceum/ technikum), Year 11 in a British school, Grade 10 in an American school or corresponding grade in another school.

2. When and how will I know the results?

When you send your application, you will receive an e-mail with confirmation. In a separate e-mail, you will receive your candidate number. The list of candidates admitted to the second stage of the competition (the list of their candidate numbers) will be published online. Successful candidates will also receive an e-mail notification. Likewise, the final list of scholars will be published online and successful candidates will receive an e-mail notification.

3. Is there a reserve list?

As candidates have the right to refuse the scholarship, there is a reserve list and there is a slight possibility that a scholarship will be offered to someone on the reserve list after the publication of the results.

4. What does the scholarship cover?

The scholarship covers the entering fee, the tuition fee and school lunches. In some cases, the scholarship also covers the accommodation fee for the



boarding house. In case of a full (100%) scholarship, the student's parents do not make any further payments towards these. In case of a partial scholarship – parents receive a schedule of termly payments of tuition fees that are reduced by the amount of the scholarship.

5. Once I am a student at Akademeia are there any additional fees?

The scholarship covers the school fees and lunches. The school fees include: books, workshops and school trips included in the Academic Curriculum, elective classes, preparatory classes for competitions organised by boards of education and science Olympiads, equipment and materials required for Creative and Performing Arts classes, sports programme, insurance, and freshers camp before the schoolyear. Not included in the school fees are: external exam fees (depends on the amount of exam taken), voluntary school trips. Although school does not require students to have their own computers many find it beneficial to have their own laptop. Some elective subjects may incur an additional fee (in line with the Student Handbook) and individual music lessons are also not included in the scholarship.

6. For how long do I receive the scholarship? Can I lose it?

In principal the scholarship is awarded for the whole duration of the planned academic study at Akademeia. The scholarship assumes that a scholar behaviour is exemplary and his academic results are commendable. Should there be a disciplinary issue with a scholar it may lead to the scholarship being withdrawn. Also, consistently bad exam results may lead to the termination of the scholarship.

7. Who can apply for scholarship that includes the boarding house?

In general, the boarding house is aimed for students coming from outside of Warsaw.



8. For how long can scholars stay in the boarding house?

The boarding house is provided for successful candidates for the same length as the length of study. Students may decide to leave the boarding house. It is not then guaranteed that in a later time they will be able to return to the boarding house.

Please note that boarding is available when the school is open. The Boarding house is closed over school holidays and students are expected to vacate their rooms completely for summer holidays.

9. I applied for a scholarship that includes the boarding house. Should I be successful in gaining the scholarship am I guaranteed a place in the boarding house?

The school will try to provide boarding places for all admitted scholars. However, it is possible that an offer is made only for a scholarship covering fees, without boarding for someone who applied for a scholarship with a boarding place. This will be communicated before the candidate is requested to make a decision whether they accept the scholarship or not.

10. How do I determine the maximum amount of the scholarship I can apply for?

The maximum amount of the scholarship is dependant of the household gross income for each family member. To calculate this amount, you need to add all the gross incomes of all family members and divide the sum by the number of all (including children) people living in the household.

For example: The father earns 4000PLN and the mother earns 4500PLN before tax per month. In the household consists of the mother, the father and three children. The income per capita is $(4000+4500)/5=1700\text{PLN}$.

This needs to be compared to the official minimum wage in Poland (see: <http://www.zus.pl/baza-wiedzy/skladki-wskazniki-odsetki/wskazniki/minimalne-i-przecietne-wynagrodzenie>).



11. Can I apply for a lower than the maximum amount of scholarship? Will that increase my chances?

The scholarship rules define the maximum level of scholarship. These are introduced in order to maximise the number of students who are able to benefit from the scholarship programme. In general, the more students contribute the more candidates for scholarships can be admitted. In individual cases students are placed in a ranking order based only on their academic abilities. Then the scholarships are awarded for as many students as there is funding funds (hence the exact number of scholarships will depend on the applications of all successful candidates).

12. What financial documents are necessary?

When applying for a scholarship candidates' parents make a binding declaration of their family income by choosing to apply for a given scholarship level. Before the scholarship contract is signed, the school may ask for financial documents from the Inland Revenue (PIT or Zaświadczenie o wysokości dochodu) that prove the financial situation of the family.

If the candidate lied on their application form it may cause the scholarship to be withdrawn.

13. What if my family economic situation changes?

Scholars can apply for their scholarship level to be reviewed and adjusted in line with the family economic situation.

14. Are there any tax consequences of receiving the scholarship?

The scholarship scheme has been approved by MEN and as such is exempt from taxation.



15. When do I need to apply to Akademeia?

If you have not applied to be admitted to the school separately then your scholarship application will be taken automatically as a school application and in the final stage of the scholarship competition you will undergo all assessments required to be admitted to the school. Please note that for such candidates the school does not provide individualised assessment reports.

16. Do parents need to come during interviews?

It is not necessary for parents to be at the school during the interviews, in fact we encourage parents to give space to their children to undergo the process by themselves and meet other candidates. However, as the school does not provide care outside the interview process, parents may want to bring students to the school and collect them afterwards, especially for those who travel from outside Warsaw.

If parents have any questions or would like to see the school, they can arrange for it when they bring their children in. Please contact the Admissions Team to make appropriate arrangements.

17. Do you provide accommodation during the interviews? What about alimentation?

Candidates who are invited for the interviews need to find their own place to stay. During all-day interviews we will provide lunch for candidates. Candidates should make their own arrangements for breakfast and dinner.

18. Can I appeal the scholarship committee's decision?

Yes. The appeal may be sent within one week of the published decision to the President of the Board of Akademeia High School. The decision of the Board is final.



19. I have other questions – whom should I contact?

Please write to admissions@akademeia.edu.pl

Please note that towards during peak times (close to the submission deadlines) we might have a lot of questions asked and we do not guarantee we will be able to reply in time, hence please do not wait until the last moment and send your questions in good time.

20. [ART & DESIGN SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION] Can I send my portfolio by post?

No. We only accept an electronic version of your portfolio and are not able to accept or handle the physical portfolio.

21. [ART & DESIGN SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION] What if I submit someone else artwork as mine?

Such an action would be considered as an act of academic dishonesty and would result with an immediate expulsion from the scholarship competition or, if the scholarship has been awarded, a termination of the scholarship and demand for a repayment of the scholarship received.