

Scholarship Application Policy for Professional Studies

Introduction

The Zafar Sultan Memorial Trust (ZSM Trust) Professional Studies Scholarship aims to support students pursuing advanced education in their chosen fields. This policy outlines the eligibility criteria, application process, selection criteria, and terms and conditions for students applying for the scholarship.

Eligibility Criteria

1. **Academic Performance:** Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent of minimum 80%.
2. **Enrollment Status:** Applicants must be enrolled or have received an offer of admission in a professional studies program at an accredited institution.
3. **Field of Study:** The scholarship is available to students pursuing degrees in fields such as medicine, engineering, education, or other professional studies.
4. **Residency:** Most cases applicants must be a student of schools managed by ZSM Trust, however there can be an exception.
5. **Financial Need:** Applicants must demonstrate financial need through relevant documentation.

Application Process

1. **Application Form:** Complete the scholarship application form available on the institution's website.
2. **Supporting Documents:**
 - a) Academic transcripts.
 - b) Proof of enrollment or admission.
 - c) A personal statement (500-1000 words) detailing academic achievements, career goals, and how the scholarship will assist in achieving these goals.
 - d) Two letters of recommendation from academic or professional references.
 - e) Financial need documentation (e.g., tax returns, financial aid letters, etc.).
1. **Submission:** Submit the completed application form and all supporting documents by the specified deadline to the scholarship committee via email.

Selection Criteria

1. **Academic Excellence:** Demonstrated through GPA and academic achievements.
2. **Personal Statement:** Clarity of career goals, motivation, and how the scholarship will benefit the applicant's professional development.
3. **Letters of Recommendation:** The strength and relevance of the recommendations provided.
4. **Financial Need:** The extent of financial need as demonstrated by the provided documentation.

5. **Interview:** Shortlisted candidates may be required to attend an interview with the scholarship committee.

Terms and Conditions

1. **Scholarship Amount:** The scholarship amount and number of recipients will be determined annually based on available funds.

2. **Use of Funds:** Scholarship funds are designated exclusively for tuition. Requests for additional expenses, such as books, transportation, or other related costs, may be submitted separately; however, approval of these requests is not guaranteed. Each request will be evaluated on an individual, case-by-case basis.

3. **Academic Performance:** Recipients must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale during the scholarship period.

4. **Reporting:** Recipients may be required to submit periodic reports on their academic progress and how the scholarship funds are being utilized.

5. **Duration:** The scholarship is awarded for one academic year. Recipients may reapply in subsequent years but must meet all eligibility criteria and submit a new application.

Contact Information

For questions or further information, please contact the scholarship committee at:

scholarships@corkssecondaryschool.com

Subject: scholarship committee

Amendment and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually and may be amended as necessary to reflect the needs of the institution and students.

This policy ensures a fair and transparent process for awarding scholarships to deserving students, supporting their academic and professional growth.

Note:

Please ensure that all fields are accurately completed and that all documents are clearly readable and scanned in PDF format.