



Orbital Education Sixth Form Scholarship

Baleares International College and Orbital Education seek to support exceptionally able and motivated students who are academically gifted, dedicated to their studies and will seek to take full advantage of opportunities to extend their learning beyond the core syllabus. Scholarship students are expected to be proactive learners and contributors, ensuring their studies and activities have a whole-school profile and support associated clubs, societies and events. The Sixth Form Scholarships are an investment by Orbital Education in nurturing and promoting the talent of such students who will benefit the whole community through their high standards.

Scholarships at **Baleares International College** not only recognise ability and potential but, vitally, nurture and accelerate talent. They are made available to senior students with outstanding ability and potential, which the school assesses by current school reports, assessments and interview, and are awarded for the full duration of a student's Sixth Form education, provided all obligations are fulfilled and the recipients maintain their high levels of effort, excellence and contribution to school life. In return, the school offers the teaching and guidance of staff that have a wealth of experience in nurturing gifted students to fulfil their academic potential.

Baleares International College and Orbital Education are proud to offer scholarships equivalent to half (50%) of all tuition fees for both school years (not including deposit and registration charges, text books or examination entry costs). Please note that under no circumstance will the scholarships be exchangeable for money.

Who may apply?

Sixth Form Scholarships are available to both internal and external applicants:

- current students at Baleares International College who intend to start GCE A-Level studies in September 2020, after successfully passing GCSE and IGCSE examinations;
- students from other schools who intend to start GCE A-Level studies in September 2020, after successfully passing GCSE or IGCSE examinations and/or other recognised qualifications;

Scholarships are awarded on the grounds of achievement and identified potential, without regard to the applicant's race, gender, physical need or parental income. Scholarship applicants are expected to have a demonstrated high level of academic ability and expectation:

- predicted GCSE/IGCSE grades of C (or 5) and above for all subjects, including English and Mathematics;
- predicted GCSE/IGCSE grades of A*, A or B (7, 8 or 9) for the subjects chosen for A-Level study;
- English competency of B2/C1 on the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) for all students applying from outside the British system.

Application

Scholarship assessment is based on the application statement, school reports, predicted grades and interview with a selection committee.

Application Form

All applicants must complete the Scholarship Application Form, which can be found on the school's website (balearesint.net/scholarship2020). The Personal Statement section must be handwritten by the applicant and should, in no more than 500 words, include details such as:



- academic/personal achievements;
- interests/hobbies/clubs;
- a self-evaluation of their strengths and weaknesses;
- why they want to be a Sixth Form student at BIC and what it would mean to them;
- how/what they will contribute to Baleares International College.

External applicants must also submit a completed Registration Form and the Registration fee once the Application has been accepted.

Recent Reports and Predicted Grades

For Baleares International College students, the selection committee will review previous reports. Predicted grades will be gathered from subject teachers.

External applicants must submit a copy of their two most recent school reports and predicted grades for the summer GCSE/IGCSE examinations on official, stamped, school letterheaded paper. For students joining the Sixth Form from a system other than British, the evaluation system used by the candidate's school must be explained in detail. Please note that BIC may contact the school for further clarification.

Reference

For external candidates, a confidential reference, covering academic and general matters, will be sought from the current school.

Other supporting documents

Supporting documents from schools, clubs or associations describing the applicant's extra-curricular interests and achievements will contribute to success in the scholarship application. These activities may include sports, adventure activities, music, drama, community service, etc.

Address for application

Completed applications for the Orbital Education Sixth Form Scholarship should be submitted to:

Holley McMonagle
Admissions Officer
Cala Figuera, 3A, Sa Porrassa
Calvià, 07181, Mallorca
registrar@balearesint.net

Deadline for application

For Baleares International College students, applications for the following year must be received **by 31st December**.

There is no deadline for applications from students currently at other schools, though admission will be subject to places in the Sixth Form being available.

Selection

Selection Committee

All applications will be considered by a selection committee made up of the Principal, Head of Secondary, Head of Sixth Form and, on behalf of Orbital Education, the Regional Head of Schools. The committee determines the number of scholarships available in any academic year and will shortlist candidates based on their applications.



Cognitive Ability Test

Shortlisted candidates will be required to complete a Cognitive Ability Test as a measure of academic potential. This assessment cannot be 'revised for' in advance and will be taken prior to the interview.

Interview

A personal interview will be required for shortlisted candidates. This will focus on the candidate's particular strengths and interests. The candidate will be expected to be knowledgeable in, and enthuse about, any areas described on their application form, including their academic studies, extra-curricular participation, leadership or service experience.

Final Decision

Once a decision has been made, successful candidates will be informed as soon as possible.

Unsuccessful candidates will be notified in writing as soon as possible.

If in the opinion of the selection committee there are no suitable applicants, no scholarships will be awarded.

Confirmation of results

Official GCSE/iGCSE (or equivalent) results slips, or official end-of-year results for students not currently in the British system, must be submitted by 31st August. Photocopies of official certificates are acceptable, providing they have been verified and stamped by the current school.

All Scholarship awards are conditional upon meeting the requirements for entry into the Sixth Form and continuing to meet the expectations laid out in the Conditions, below.

Conditions

1. Scholarship recipients are expected to:

- maintain the highest standards of effort in their academic studies;
- be involved fully in school activities, showing enthusiasm, commitment and reliability;
- support the school at academic or non-academic events as requested;
- be a credit to the school and set a positive example to others.

2. Withdrawal of the Scholarship:

A Scholarship may be withdrawn by written notice to the parent if, in the opinion of the Principal:

- the student has not complied with the obligations set out in paragraph 1, above; and
- there has been no significant improvement following consultation with a parent and/or the student and a written warning issued.

Withdrawal of the Award shall take effect from the start of the following term.

3. Standard Terms & Conditions:

These Conditions take precedence over elements of the school's standard contract which are inconsistent with them. In all other respects, the standard contract shall apply, and these Conditions shall be interpreted in accordance with them.

4. Transfer or Fees in lieu of notice:

For the avoidance of doubt, the benefits payable under a Scholarship are half (50%) of the tuition fees for both school years (not including deposit and registration charges, text books or examination entry costs). These benefits are not transferable and do not apply to any term for which the School has required payment of fees in lieu of notice.