**Sawiris Arts & Culture Scholarship (SACS)**

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

1. **Do I need an admission letter in order to be eligible for the scholarship?**
* Successful applicants will have received a conditional admission letter from the university of their choice.
* If a conditional admission letter cannot be obtained by the deadline, you must attach proof of application to the university. In addition to the supporting documents that confirm your eligibility into the university of your choice.
1. **Do you provide scholarships in the fields of Art History, Architectural History, Art Curation, Architecture, Graphic Design, Product Design and Interior Design, Fashion Design, Art Therapy, Textiles, Animation, or Digital Media Arts?**
* The above-mentioned fields are not covered by the scholarship.
1. **Is it mandatory for the recipient of the scholarship to return to Egypt directly after graduation?**

Sawiris Foundation has recently considered some of its policies allowing graduates up to 1 year in their country of study with the following conditions:

* If the recipient of the scholarship has maintained high grades throughout their scholarship.
* The scholar must be working in their field of study.
* The scholar must apply and get pre-approval from the Sawiris Foundation.
* If the above points are not met, scholars will need to come back and work in their field of study in Egypt for 2 to 3 years.
* Disclaimer: The aim of this scholarship is to enrich the arts and culture scene in Egypt. Therefore, kindly be advised necessary legal action is in place to ensure students return back to Egypt.
1. **Do I need to submit my high school grades if I am applying for a master’s program?**
* Kindly note if you are applying for a master’s degree, your high school grades are not required.
* Only your bachelor’s certificate is required.
1. **If I can prove my university is of high ranking but not on the list, will I still be eligible for the scholarship?**
* Unfortunately, if the university you have applied for is not on the list of preapproved universities, you are not eligible.
1. **Does Sawiris Foundation support me in applying to universities?**
* The Foundation does not support you in applying to the universities as you must have received a conditional offer from one of our pre-approved universities.
1. **Do you support students’ mid-way through their course?**
* Kindly note we only support students beginning their course.
* We do not fund transfer students.
1. **What if the deadline for my university has passed?**
* There is a large pool of universities that are accepted by the Sawiris Foundation. So, please consider applying to a different one or wait until the following year.
1. **When will you announce the scholarship awardees?**
* May 2024
1. **Is a portfolio needed to apply for the scholarship?**
* If a portfolio is not sent, your application will be considered incomplete.
1. **If my university does not require an English proficiency exam, is it still required by the foundation?**
* The foundation does not have English language requirements. As long as you have an unconditional offer and it is not a visa requirement, you will still be eligible for the scholarship.
1. **Does the scholarship cover diplomas?**
* This scholarship covers bachelor's, master’s, and residency/apprenticeship programs only.
1. **Do I need work experience in a similar field to apply for a residency/ apprenticeship program?**
* To be eligible for the residency program scholarship, you must be a professional artist who has previous experience in the field.
1. **Can I apply for the scholarship without an artistic portfolio?**
* You must apply with an artistic portfolio or else you won’t be eligible to receive the scholarship.
1. **Do I need to have a level five in Trinity College London examinations or the Royal Schools of Music to apply for the music scholarship?**
* You must have obtained at least a level five in these theory examinations to be eligible for the scholarship unless you have a bachelor’s degree in music.
1. **Am I eligible to apply for the scholarship to study a degree program if I do not have work experience in a related field?**
* As long as you have an offer from one of our pre-approved universities.
1. **If I am applying to study music or performing arts, what should I include in my artistic portfolio?**
* We require you to send us five links of previous work and solo performances in different genres.

1. **If I do not have all the required documents, will I still be eligible for the scholarship?**
* If you have not completed all the required documents on our portal, your application will not be successfully submitted.
1. **Do residency/apprenticeship programs have to be at the universities on the list of pre-approved universities?**
* Kindly note, if you are applying for residency/apprenticeship program, you do not have to abide by the universities that are listed on our bachelor’s and master’s programs. However, the programs will be assessed by our panel of experts.
1. **How am I meant to submit my artistic portfolio?**
* All artistic portfolios will be submitted on our platform.