**Sawiris Arts & Culture Scholarship**

**SACS FAQs:**

1. **If my offer is conditional because I need an English proficiency exam, will my application still be considered?**

* Applicants must have an unconditional offer from one of the pre-approved universities or else they will not be considered.
* For music and performing arts students a conditional offer is accepted however, not pending your English proficiency exam, only pending your audition (if needed).

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 and Digital Media Arts?**

* The fields above are not covered by the scholarship.

1. **How do I apply for the scholarship?**

* Please find the link to the Sawiris Foundation Scholarship Portal below:

<http://applicant.mis.sawirisfoundation.org:10411/Scholarships>

* You create an account and start filling in the application.
* Kindly note if you do not fill in all required sections and submit all required documents as guided by the application document, your application will not be submitted successfully.

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.
* Preapproval 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 diploma if I am applying for a master’s program?**

* Kindly note if you are applying for a master’s degree, your high school diploma is 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 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 the foundation support me in applying to universities?**

* The Foundation does not support you in applying to the universities as you must have achieved an unconditional offer from one of our pre-approved universities.

1. **Do you support student’s 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 of my university has passed?**

* There is a large pool of universities that are accepted by the Sawiris Foundation maybe applying to a different one or waiting until the following year.

1. **When will you announce the scholarship awardees?**

* June 2023

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 bachelors, masters 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 that 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 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 unconditional offer from one of our pre-approved universities.
* Kindly note for music students only a conditional offer is required.

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 5 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 do not 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 a residency/apprenticeship programs are not required to be at one of the universities that are listed on our list. 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.