



Panyaden International School Scholarship Programme

Policies and Procedures

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General Information

Panyaden International School (PYD) is a world-class coeducational independent school and an IB World School. By offering a ***Values-based Genuine Education for a Sustainable Planet***, our vision is to see that our children excel academically, enrich their physical, social, emotional and intellectual well-being and develop a caring and compassionate understanding of the environment, to benefit themselves, the people they meet and the planet.

The PYD Scholarship Programme provides pathways for motivated and talented secondary students who strive for excellence and are empowered to take progressive action in their lives.

The Programme embodies the school's commitment to service and the Thailand community. Scholarships (up to 100% of tuition fees) are available for students from Year 7 to Year 11 entering school in August, 2020.

Scholarship criteria is based on demonstrated and potential academic ability, artistic and creative aptitude, and a commitment to contribute to the school community and beyond through service and leadership. Candidates are advised that the process is detailed and rigorous



Types of Scholarships

- Academic Scholarships

Academic Scholarships Description

Academically talented students often show high levels of abstract thinking, verbal and numerical reasoning, spatial relations, rapid information processing, memory and word fluency. Gifted arts students have an intense passion and talent in the arts. They often have the ability to be flexible and cooperative, a commitment to performance and high academic standards.

Students applying for academic scholarships should show potential or demonstrated ability to foster advanced analytical, critical and creative thinking skills essential to achieving success in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme (DP).

PYD students have the opportunity to become involved in public speaking and debating, sporting and arts competitions and events, student leadership programs, and service to the community. PYD scholarship students should strive to engage in rigorous and stimulating learning and enrichment experiences both within and beyond the classroom.

N.B. Students with a strong commitment to academics and a demonstrated talent in an area of Creativity, Action, or Service will also be viewed favourably. The particular talent, ability, or pursuit would be conceived in terms of *“a student whose particular talent, ability, or pursuit brings honour to the school.”*



Eligibility to Apply

New applicants to PYD and current students at the school are welcome to apply to the PYD Scholarship Programme. To be eligible to apply for a PYD Scholarship age appropriate students must be able to undertake full time study at the school commencing August 2020. All applicants are strongly advised to consider the following general admissions criteria before deciding to proceed with an application:

- Applicants must be able to cope with an English-medium curriculum
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate self-discipline and responsibility

Conditions: Application, Timeline, Selection, Offer Processes and Policies

Application

Completed application form must be filled and submitted within timeline stated. Applications must be completed online **here** and cannot be sent by email. Applicants must attach all supporting documentation to their application.

Applications will not be considered that are:

- Submitted late
- Not signed
- Incomplete
- Not accompanied by required supporting documentation

Referee nomination: Please note that a referee cannot be related to the applicant.

Selection Process

All complete applications received by the due date will be first screened to ensure that the applicants satisfy the basic eligibility criteria. Following the general testing, short-listed candidates will attend a guided interview with a Scholarship Programme Panel. Final scholarship selection will be made by the PYD Scholarship Programme Committee.

Academic Scholarships Selection

Selection of academic scholars is based on the results of screening, testing, portfolios, and interviews coordinated by the PYD Scholarships Admissions Office and Panel. The scholarship



test includes individual assessments in the areas of mathematics, language, writing and academic potential.

Applicants will be notified of the testing date, time, venue and assessment procedures on 27 February, 2020. Successful students will be offered a scholarship place for entry to PYD, commencing August 2020.

Selection Policies

Scholarship Selection Criteria

The PYD Scholarship Programme Committee will select students for a PYD Scholarship. General selection criteria will inform and guide all selection decisions. The general Scholarship Selection Criteria includes Personal Qualities and Application Requirements

Selection Criteria: Personal Qualities

PYD seeks applications from globally minded young people who:

- Possess skills necessary to conduct purposeful, constructive research
- Are able to make sound decisions and to solve complex problems
- Have a drive to be recognizable change-maker in the community
- Can receive and express ideas confidently in English
- Demonstrate a commitment to learning languages other than English
- Approach unfamiliar situations without anxiety
- Have acquired a critical mass of significant knowledge
- Have integrity, honesty, and a sense of fairness and justice
- Show sensitivity towards the needs of others through service to the community
- Respect the views, values and traditions of other individuals and cultures
- Give thoughtful consideration to their own learning
- Be able to embrace the Buddhist Principles that PYD values

Selection Criteria: Application Requirements

- Are full-time students
- Demonstrate evidence of an outstanding academic record
- Are committed to extra-curricular and community service activities: participation in school and / or community clubs and projects
- Demonstrate leadership either in their academic, extra-curricular activities, or community
- Activities
- Have the qualifications required for a Thai student visa.

Special Consideration

Applicants and their families who believe that special consideration be given to an application due to specific circumstances or events not able to be communicated in other parts of the



application should submit a letter marked CONFIDENTIAL and headed: “Special Consideration for (insert full name of applicant).” All requests for special consideration must be able to be supported and verified if necessary.

Other Scholarships

Receipt of other scholarships will not necessarily preclude students from consideration, but applicants are required to inform PYD of any other scholarship or award which they hold.

Ranking

Academic Scholarship applicants will first be ranked according to academic merit on the outcome of testing results. Thereafter, academic records, supporting documents, portfolios, and evidence of a case for special consideration will be taken into account in determining whether the applicant will be short-listed for interview.

Applicants are responsible for providing sufficient supporting documentation to support any claim for special consideration.

Offer Process and Notification

Students and their families will be advised in writing of the outcome of their applications. This will include an individual report on each applicant’s testing and interview outcomes. Successful applicants will be advised in writing of the terms and conditions of the scholarship. At the time of accepting the offer they must accept the conditions of the scholarship and agree to provide relevant personal information to enable the school to assess eligibility (if necessary).

Award Disbursement

The value of a PYD Academic Scholarship covers up to 100% tuition fees for an entire academic year, subject to a student’s continuing eligibility to hold the scholarship.

Extraneous Expenses

The PYD Scholarship Programme does not provide financial assistance to students and their families for expenses extraneous to tuition fees. These include expenses such as:

- Textbooks
- Stationery items
- School uniforms
- Field trips
- Examination fee
- Miscellaneous Le



Conditions of Scholarship

Scholarship Offer

Students and their families will be advised in writing of the scholarship offer and the terms of the scholarship. Students must agree to accept the conditions of the scholarship and agree to provide personal information relevant to assessing their ongoing eligibility to the school on reasonable request. This information will remain confidential between the school scholarship administrator, the School Director, and the applicant and their family.

Ongoing Eligibility

PYD will monitor the ongoing eligibility of all scholarship students to ensure that each student continues to meet the eligibility requirements for a PYD Scholarship Student. Ongoing eligibility conditions are detailed below.

Attendance and Enrollment Status

Students are expected to make regular attendance at the school and to be present in classes or after school activities when scheduled or expected. Scholarship students who are registered as having regular and/or unexplained absences or lateness will be asked to attend a counseling session with the School Counselor and Secondary School Principal to explain attendance irregularities and work out strategies to solve attendance irregularities. Continued and persistent absence and lateness without due or reasonable notice following counseling sessions and provision of support networks and will result in a formal review of the scholarship status of the student by the Scholarship Programme Committee.

Academic Progress

Students are required to maintain satisfactory academic progress over the period of their scholarship. Satisfactory academic progress for the purpose of the PYD scholarships means students are expected to obtain excellent grades in both achievement and learning habit in all subjects in which they are enrolled.

Achievement

The academic achievement benchmark for scholarship students from Year 7 to 9 is drawn from



the MYC grading criteria ranging from Beginning to Mastering, as will be used in the PYD report card. The baseline expectations are that scholarship students should achieve:

- Years 7 -9 Maintain all subject scores at a Developing or above

For Year 10 to Year 12 is drawn from the IB grading criteria ranging from 1 to 7, as will be used in the PYD report card. The baseline expectations are that scholarship students should achieve:

- Year 10 - 11 An average of 5 for all subjects (8 subjects in total) with a total of no less than 40 overall
- Year 12-13 (DP) An average of 5 for all subjects (6 subjects in total excluding TOK) with a total of no less than 30 overall

Learning Habit

The learning habit benchmark for scholarship students from Year 7 to Year 13. The baseline expectations are that scholarships students should achieve:

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| Years 7 - 9 | Maintain all subject scores at a Developing or above |
| Year 10-11 | An average of 5 for all subjects (8 subjects in total) |
| Year 12-13 (DP) | An average of 5 for all subjects (7 subjects in total including TOK) |

Where a student does not meet these stated satisfactory academic progress indicators in a report round, the student and their family will be advised in writing. Students will be asked to attend a counseling session with the School Counselor and Secondary School Principal to discuss the situation candidly and develop enabling strategies aimed at achieving academic success.

In the case where a scholarship student continues to experience great difficulty meeting baseline academic and/or learning habit benchmarks over the course of two consecutive reporting periods a formal review of eligibility will take place. If a scholarship student continues to struggle in terms of achievement and/or effort following sustained support oriented counselling sessions and provision of support networks, scholarship student status and award disbursement will be revoked.



Behaviour and Personal Responsibility

Students at PYD are expected to uphold the PYD Code of Conduct. In particular, they are expected to:

- Show great commitment to the school's core values and the 12 Wise Habits
- Have integrity, honesty, and a sense of fairness and justice
- Show sensitivity towards the needs of others
- Respect the views, values and traditions of other individuals and cultures
- Give thoughtful consideration to their own learning and the learning of others

Scholarship students who show attitudes or behaviors that show that they are having difficulties maintaining a sense of personal responsibility, as expressed above, will be asked to attend a counselling session with the School Counselor and Secondary School Principal. Students will be asked to explain and discuss behaviour and personal responsibility, and to work out strategies to proactively solve these issues. Should a scholarship student continue to display of attitudes and behaviours that do not reflect those expected of students at the school, following counseling sessions and provision of support networks, a formal review of the scholarship status of the student by the Scholarship Committee will take place.

Maximum Duration

Students are eligible to hold a PYD Academic for a maximum of seven years. This maximum period is defined as a student who enters Year 7 as a scholarship student and continues to hold the scholarship consecutively until the end of Year 13.

Student Suspension of Scholarship

PYD will not grant initial suspension of the scholarship for the first scholarship six months period during which the scholarship was awarded. The student must complete at least one term of study at the school before applying for suspension.

In addition, the student's family must apply in writing to the PYD Scholarship Programme Committee for suspension of the scholarship. Reasons for seeking the scholarship suspension must be clearly communicated.



A suspension of the scholarship is a separate process to the leave of absence from a programme of study.

Transfer of Scholarship

The PYD Scholarship is not transferable to any other school or individual.

Provision of False Information

If the school knows or has reason to believe that a student in receipt of a PYD Scholarship has provided false or misleading information the following steps will be taken:

- Re-assess the student's entitlement to the PYD Scholarship
and
- Request original copies of any other relevant information required to establish protocols

Termination of Scholarship

PYD reserves the right to terminate a scholarship:

- If the student ceases to meet the ongoing eligibility criteria over the period of two reporting periods as detailed in the section "Ongoing Eligibility"
- Once the maximum period of 7 years consecutive scholarship tenure has been reached
- Where the student is guilty of serious misconduct in terms of PYD Policy Rules for Student Conduct and/or has provided false or misleading information

Privacy and Confidentiality

The information supplied by applicants for a PYD Scholarship will not be disclosed to any other party other than with the written consent of the applicant and/or the applicant's family.

