

Thank you for your interest in UWC!

SECTION A: Student /Parent information and conditions of application

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UWC depends on the dedication and expertise of a network of volunteers to promote UWC and select future students. These are called National Committees and they operate in more than 140 countries worldwide.

Each year a National Committee will receive from the UWC schools and colleges a specific number of places (which may include a scholarship, bursary/partial scholarship or fee-paying place) for which they select students to study the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma. If a National Committee exists in your country you must apply through that committee.

Please make sure you find out as much as possible about UWC before going ahead with your application. It is important that you understand the aims of the organization and the commitment involved in the programmes that are offered. For more information please go to www.uwc.org

The UWC National Committee in The Bahamas consists of UWC Alumni and volunteers dedicated to providing as many Bahamian high-school students as possible with a transformational UWC education.

Please contact us at:

UWC Bahamas National Committee
P.O. Box N-9902
Nassau, The Bahamas

Website: bahamas-uwc.org
Email: bahamasuwc@gmail.com or

Mrs. Sandra Edgecombe (Secretary)
Telephone: 242-302-5513
Fax: 1-242-302-5668

Selection Criteria

Students are selected in open competition. To be eligible to apply you must meet the following criteria:

- Have successfully completed or expect to complete by June of the application year a minimum of 5 BGCSE's with a minimum 'B+' average or equivalent National | Regional | International academic examinations. Final official results must be presented to the National Committee for review. The National Committee reserves the right to revoke ANY selection, funding or scholarship assistance for reasons including, but not limited to, poor examination results that do not measure up to the application or the rigorous academic expectations of the United World College and the Bahamas UWC National Committee;
- Be involved in some form of community, sporting or extracurricular activity;
- Have strong transcript and reference letters from teachers, community leaders and/or counselors;
- Competitive standardised Test Scores (example: High SAT I scores). Equivalent standardised Test Scores (such as ACTs) are also acceptable;
- Additional high standardised Test Scores (such as SAT II or equivalent) are advantageous;
- Preferably be between 17 and 18 years of age;

A sound knowledge of the English language is required. A working knowledge of English Literature is advantageous. Linguistic ability (in English as well as other foreign languages: Spanish, French, Italian, German, Mandarin, etc.) is advantageous.

Successful applicants will have a genuine enthusiasm for the aims of the United World Colleges, such as the idea of understanding between peoples of widely differing cultures. An openness of mind is essential. Students need to approach new and unfamiliar experiences with enthusiasm, balance and good humour. They should be able to accept and enjoy customs and attitudes that are vastly different from their own. The United World Colleges and the Bahamas UWC Selection Committee look for students who are socially mature and morally responsible with outstanding social and community service.

Beyond this, successful applicants have active and proven interests in the world in which we live. This could manifest itself in such interests as the arts, the environment, economics, politics, government, religion, and travel.

Application Guidelines

Your final application must include:

- completed application form ([SECTIONS B & C](#)) together with two applicant essays;
- two confidential references ([SECTIONS D & E](#)) including at least one from your high school;
- a transcript of your school report/academic results;
- copy of the first three pages of your valid, up to date Bahamian E-Passport, or your Bahamian Permanent Residency certificate.

Please e-mail your application to bahamasuwc@gmail.com. Five hard copies of your application should also be sent to either one of the addresses below:

The Research Group Limited
Circle Palm Mall
Soldier Road North
P. O. Box N688
Tel. 242 394-3063

The deadline for applications is **midnight, January 27th, 2017**

Selection process:

Places in UWC are offered on a competitive basis. This application is carefully reviewed. From the initial list of applicants a short list is chosen for interviews. The National Committee may, at its discretion, use a combination of formal and informal interviews, in order to determine the final list of selected applicants.

Finances:

The UWC selection process in The Bahamas is based on merit, irrespective of a student's ability to pay; as such, the UWC Bahamian National Committee's most significant challenge is funding. The Bahamian National Committee relies on a combination of full and partial scholarships offered by United World Colleges, donations, parental contributions toward a student's costs, and fee paying placements.

- A full scholarship includes tuition and room and board. Extra costs not included in a full scholarship might include travel, health insurance, pocket money, project week expenses, visa processing costs, clothing and school supplies.
- It is important that parents who have the means to make a contribution toward a student's costs should do so, in order to make funding available to assist a student who cannot afford to pay. Parents will be therefore asked to provide information about employment, income range and any other information that they might consider relevant to the National Committee's assessment should their child be accepted as a candidate.
- Partial scholarships and fee-paying places are offered both on the basis of merit and parents' ability to contribute toward a student's attendance.
- Financial agreements are confirmed on nomination
- Agreement is made between the parents and the school/college (or National Committee if applicable)

Nomination process:

Successful candidates are nominated to specific UWC schools and colleges. The schools and colleges generally accept the nominated candidates on the recommendation of the National Committee but reserve the right to make the final decision on every candidate.

Please also note:

- An application is made to UWC and not to a particular school or college (although you may be asked to state your preference)
- Only one application can be made to UWC. You cannot apply through two different National Committees
- Applicants with disabilities who are self-sufficient in their everyday needs are encouraged to apply
- All information provided to the National Committee is held in the strictest confidence and is not shared with any third party. The National Committee maintains a data base of student and parental contact information for the purpose of disseminating important notices, invitations and alumni news.

SECTION B: Applicant Information (Please type or write clearly in dark ink and ensure you complete all the sections that are applicable to you)

Personal information

Family name/ Surname/ Last name:

First name/ given name(s):

Middle name (only if noted on passport):

Gender: Male/ Female (delete as appropriate)

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy):

Nationality:

Country of Birth:

Country of citizenship (on which passport would you travel):

Email address:

Home Phone:

Cell phone:

Fax:

Permanent Home Address

Address line 1:

Address line 2:

City:

Province/ Territory/ Region:

Post code:

Country:

Home Phone

Fax:

Courier Address (to receive posted mail, if different from home address)

Address line 1:

Address line 2:

City:

Province/ Territory/ Region:

Post code:

Country:

Phone:

Fax:

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School information

Name of school: _____

Address of school: _____

Telephone number of school: _____

Email address of school: _____

Name of Head of School: _____

List the subjects that you currently study at school and your most recent grades or predicted grades:

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Do you participate in any extra-curricular clubs or activities at school for example creative activities, sports, volunteer projects etc? Please list up to 5 areas of involvement indicating the level and time of involvement and responsibilities.

What are your plans after high school?

Life outside school

What are your favourite activities outside of school? How do you spend your leisure time? For example, creative activities, employment, sports, volunteer projects or other hobbies. Please list your extracurricular areas of involvements indicating the level, time of involvement and responsibilities.

What do you consider your best qualities?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What do you consider your best accomplishments?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What language do you speak at home?

What other languages do you speak (please list the language and the level of understanding)?

How did you hear about UWC?

Essay questions

1. Please provide a statement (on a separate piece of paper and with a limit of 300 words) explaining why you are interested in attending a UWC school/college and reflecting on UWC's mission and values, what you might contribute to the school/college and what you would hope to gain from the experience.
2. How do you believe your experience at a United World College will help you to make The Bahamas a better place?

Applicant's signature

I have read and understood the information section at the beginning of this application form. I have discussed all aspects of the commitment involved in applying for entry to a UWC school/college with my parent(s)/guardian(s). Should the application be successful, I hereby undertake to observe the rules, regulations and guidelines of the school/college. I recognize that the school/college has the right to exclude me for violations of such rules, regulations and guidelines.

Signature of applicant:

Date:

SECTION C: Parental/Guardian Form - to be completed by the person(s) who has legal duty of care for the applicant _

Person 1

Relationship to student:

Family name/ Surname/ Last name:

First name/ given name(s):

Permanent Home Address (if different from student's)

Address line 1:

Address line 2:

City:

Province/ Territory:

Post code:

Country:

Home Phone:

Cell phone:

Fax:

Email:

Person 2 (if applicable)

Relationship to student:

Family name/ Surname/ Last name

First name/ given name(s):

Permanent Home Address (if different from student's)

Address line 1:

Address line 2:

City:

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Country:

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Fax:

Email:

To be completed by the person who has legal duty of care for the applicant.

Please give a brief description of any medical or mental health concerns, physical impairments, serious illnesses or allergies that the applicant may have had:

Please list any special dietary requirements that the applicant may have for medical, religious or ethical reasons:

I have read and understood the information section at the beginning of this application form and the application for entry to UWC made by my son/daughter/ward. We have discussed all aspects of the commitment involved and this application has my full approval.

Should the application be successful, I hereby undertake for myself and for him/her to observe the rules, regulations and guidelines of the school/college and I recognize that the school/college has the right to exclude my son/daughter/ward for violations of such rules, regulations and guidelines.

I also understand and am aware that the National Committee may withdraw the scholarship under such circumstances.

While my son/daughter/ward is in residence at a UWC school/college, I authorise the school/college to act 'in loco parentis' in decisions directly affecting his/her health and welfare when it is neither possible nor practical to contact me beforehand.

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| Signature(s) of the person(s) who has legal duty of care over the applicant: |
| Date: |

SECTION D: School Reference Form – to be completed and signed by the Class Teacher or School Counselor with the signed approval of the Principal of your current school.

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| Applicant's name: | |
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The above student has applied to attend a UWC school/college.

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Places are offered on a competitive basis. The UWC selection committee would greatly appreciate your comments on the applicant. Your frank assessment of the student would be invaluable.

Please complete the table below [with additional comments if necessary] on the student's performance and participation at school, personality and character as outlined below:

| | EXCELLENT | VERY GOOD | GOOD | POOR |
|---|-----------|-----------|------|------|
| Academic motivation and interests | | | | |
| Ability to organise self, work and time | | | | |
| Interaction with others | | | | |
| Maturity and balance | | | | |
| Adaptability | | | | |
| Initiative | | | | |
| Communication and listening skills | | | | |
| Ability to deal with stress | | | | |
| Other strengths and weaknesses | | | | |

The deadline for receipt of this reference is **midnight, January 27th 2017**

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| Teacher/Counselor's Name: | | | |
| Principal's Name: | | | |
| School Name | | | |
| Telephone Number and email. | | | |
| Teacher/Counselor's Signature: | | | Principal's Signature: |
| Date: | | | |

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Thank you for your assistance

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SECTION E: General Reference Form – to be completed by someone in your extracurricular activities or hobbies environment who knows you well

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| Applicant's name: | |
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Thank you for agreeing to write a reference for the above student who has applied to attend a UWC school/college.

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Please indicate how you know the applicant and comment on his/her strengths and weaknesses, personality and character (giving examples in a short sentence below the section if necessary) as outlined below:

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|---|-----------|-----------|------|------|
| Academic motivation and interests | | | | |
| Ability to organise self, work and time | | | | |
| Interaction with others | | | | |
| Maturity and balance | | | | |
| Adaptability | | | | |
| Initiative | | | | |
| Communication and listening skills | | | | |
| Ability to deal with stress | | | | |
| Other strengths and weaknesses | | | | |

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| Evaluator's Name: | |
| Connection to the applicant: | |
| Telephone Number and email. | |
| Signature: | |
| Date: | |

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