

Scholarship information

The scholarship programme at ISD

ISD has been offering scholarships since 2001. The purpose is to provide an ISD education to students whose families would not normally be able to afford it.

The scholarships are awarded after a lengthy process of selection. We advertise the programme in the local newspaper and in over 350 secondary schools in the area of the Bezirksregierung Düsseldorf. We ask applicants to send in their report cards, write a personal statement, and include two personal references. Once the applications have been carefully considered, the selection committee draws up a shortlist of applicants to invite for testing. The tests are evaluated and students are then invited for a final face-to-face interview.



The programme is aimed at students currently attending local state (public) German schools. We look for academic strength and evidence of extra-curricular involvement. This might take the form of sporting success, cultural interests or a strong service commitment outside the classroom. We ask for information on the family's financial situation. Above all, we look for the open-mindedness, flexibility and curiosity needed for a student to be successful at our school.

Quotations from past scholarship winners:

'Before I came to ISD I thought I was already international, had seen and experienced a lot and that I was a good student. Coming to ISD changed my perspective on so many levels. Not only have I met and got close to so many inspiring and motivating people that prove to me that I still have so much to learn, but I have faced and conquered unexpected new challenges'.

'The IB Diploma is really challenging and requires a lot of hard work and engagement. But I am proud to say that this hard work paid off and that I have learned so many new things in each subject area. I also learned to think more critically about certain events in my life and to apply the knowledge I gained at school in the outside world'.

'Being exposed to a diverse and international community helped me personally to be even more open and tolerant towards other cultures. I met people from all over the world and my best friends are from places that I have never been to'.

'The most challenging part about coming to ISD wasn't the integrating or learning the language, it was switching from one way of learning to another. I had to learn to research and find information myself. I had to learn to present in front of a group of people, and I had to learn how to defend my point of view in a debate'.

'Since going to ISD I see the world with different eyes, I became so much more open, and gained in confidence, which changed the way I handle new and different situations positively'.

'The biggest challenge at ISD was for me, that there are so many opportunities, but only limited time. ISD offers an incredible number of different sports and arts programmes'.

'The best thing by far is the atmosphere at ISD. I am glad to go to a school where learning and striving to become a better person is supported in every single way. Not only do the teachers, the secretary, the security guards, the cleaning ladies and even the students treat each other with respect but they also make everybody feel welcome. No matter who you are, where you come from or what you believe in, all the people at ISD want to help you achieve your goals and be happy. It varies from the daily

"Hello" or "Good morning" to the hours before or after school getting extra help from teachers or even advice. I am very thankful for this unique opportunity to attend ISD and I will do my best to give back'.