Scholarship Application Checklist 2027

A free, printable checklist for international students applying for scholarships, fellowships and funded programmes. By Khalid Amin, editor of Insurab.

1. Before you apply

- ☐ Read the eligibility rules on the **official** scholarship page (nationality, degree, age, work experience).
- ☐ Write down the deadline **and its time zone**.
- ☐ Check whether you apply directly or need a nomination from your university or government.
- ☐ Confirm the scholarship has no application or processing fee.

2. Check what it really covers

- ☐ Tuition fees: full or partial?
- ☐ Monthly stipend: compare it with real living costs in the host city.
- ☐ Flights or travel allowance.
- ☐ Housing or accommodation.
- ☐ Health insurance (often required for a student visa).

3. Documents

- ☐ Passport valid for the whole study period.
- ☐ Degree certificates and transcripts (translated and attested if required).
- ☐ English test score (IELTS, TOEFL) or an accepted waiver letter.
- ☐ CV in the format the scholarship asks for.
- ☐ Motivation letter or statement of purpose tailored to this scholarship.
- ☐ Two or three reference letters, requested at least one month early.
- ☐ Research proposal (for research master's and PhD applications).

4. Before you submit

- ☐ Answer every question; do not leave optional essays blank.
- ☐ Check word limits and file formats.
- ☐ Ask someone to proofread your essays.
- ☐ Save a copy of the submitted application and the confirmation email.

5. After you submit

- ☐ Track interview dates and prepare answers about your study plan and future goals.
- ☐ Prepare backup applications in case this one is not successful.
- ☐ If offered an award, confirm all costs in writing before you accept.

Warning: genuine scholarships never ask you to pay a fee to secure an award. Apply only through the official programme page.

Find fully funded scholarships, fellowships and paid internships, each checked against the official source: insurab.com/scholarships

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