

## SLUWC Application Form 2024

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in attending a United World College (UWC). By completing this application, you are taking the first step in a process that will allow us to learn more about you, your achievements, and your future goals.

UWCs deliver a challenging and transformative educational experience to a diverse cross section of students, inspiring them to create a more peaceful and sustainable future. The UWC movement has 18 schools across four continents, all sharing the same mission. **The two years spent at the UWC are equivalent to SSS2 and SSS3 in the West African educational system.** Students are expected to pass the International Baccalaureate examination at the end of the program.

This is not a university studies program.

### **Student Selection Process:**

Each year, through the national committee (a selected board of graduates of the UWC program), administrators at the UWC International Office offer scholarships for Sierra Leonean students. The national committee oversees the application and interview process and identifies promising candidates using an established evaluation process. The administrators at the UWC International Office make the final admission decision and determine the final scholarship amounts. Travel costs and an allowance may or may not be included in scholarships.

Scholarship offers at UWCs are offered on a very competitive basis. Excellent BECE results and school report cards are necessary, but not sufficient to be shortlisted, nominated, or admitted by the UWC schools.

We encourage you to read more:

- On the UWC schools and movement here: <http://www.sl.uwc.org/>
- On the International Baccalaureate curriculum here: <https://www.ibo.org/about-the-ib/>

### **Eligibility:**

To be eligible to apply for enrollment in 2024, you must:

- Be a Sierra Leonean citizen residing and studying in Sierra Leone at the time of the application
- Be 16, 17 or 18 years old on September 1, 2024
- Be enrolled in SSS2 or SSS3 on February 1, 2024
- Have achieved a maximum aggregate of 12 with a maximum grade of 4 in Math and

English in the BECE. For GCSE, a minimum aggregate of 36 (sum of best 6 subjects) with a minimum grade of 7 in Math and English.

### **To Apply:**

Visit <https://www.sl.uwc.org/apply> and fill out the online application form.

Your final application must include:

- Personal information sections A through E (3 pages)
- A copy of your SSS1/Form 4 report card, and at least first term results for SSS2/Form 5
- A copy of your BECE examination results

**IF** you encounter difficulties while filling out the online application form, you may download a copy of the application, fill it out by hand, scan and email your completed application form to [admissions@sl.uwc.org](mailto:admissions@sl.uwc.org). Please note that if you chose to send your application by email, section C to section F **MUST** be submitted as **a single file** in PDF format.

### **Important. Please note:**

- Late/incomplete applications will not be evaluated under any circumstances.
- Plagiarized/essays that are not the applicant's own work will lead to immediate disqualification of your application. This includes work produced by AI like ChatGPT.

### **Important Dates:**

- Application will be open on 11:59 pm on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and close on 11:59 pm on January 26<sup>th</sup>. This is a firm deadline. Late applications will not be considered.
  - In mid-February, the national committee will notify successful candidates.
  - Scholarship interviews will be conducted in late February. **Kindly refrain from contacting the national committee about status updates of your application.** If you do not receive an email or a phone call by the end of February, this means that your application was unsuccessful. If you are still eligible, please consider re-applying next year.
  - Scholarship interviews will also be conducted in late May. These interviews are by invitation only and the details will be communicated to successful applicants by email.
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# United World College Student Application Form 2024

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## A. PERSONAL DATA

Instructions: Please write clearly in black or blue ink using only CAPITAL LETTERS

Surname (Family Name):

First and middle Names:

### Gender

- Male  
 Female

### Birth Date

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Email:

Mobile Phone 1:

Mobile Phone 2:

Home Address:

Mailing Address (to receive posted mail if different from home address):

### How did you first learn about the United World Colleges? (Please select only one):

- Teacher or principal (please list name): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Friend, parent, guardian or relative (please specify and list name): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

## B. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Secondary school and location:

Form currently enrolled in:

- SSS2
- SSS3

Please enter your BECE or GCSE result:

BECE Or  
GCSE

BECE Aggregate/ GSCE Total  
Points

Math score

English score

BECE

GCSE

## C. ESSAY QUESTION 1

Describe at least two activities that you've participated in **within the past two years** that have had a positive impact on students in your school or people in your community. What was your role and how did the activities positively affect others? **[350 words max]**

### D. ESSAY QUESTION 2

Why are you interested in attending a UWC school? What are your qualities, traits, beliefs, or attitudes that make you an ideal candidate for a UWC Sierra Leone Scholarship? **[500 words max]**

Additionally, you may upload evidence of what makes you an ideal candidate for this opportunity. Your uploaded evidence is optional and can include photos, newspaper articles, songs, poems, short stories etc. that clearly demonstrate your ideal candidacy for the scholarship. \*If submitting your application form via email, your evidence may be included to your single file document.

### E. ESSAY QUESTION 3

Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome? **[500 words max]**

**PLEASE READ: I the undersigned have prepared this application on my own behalf. The ideas expressed are mine. 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.**

\*The deadline for receipt of this application is 11:59 pm on January 26<sup>th</sup> 2024.

**Signature of applicant:**

**Date:**

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