

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS
OF THE AKADEMEIA HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME
"REACH HIGHER"**

The "Reach Higher" scholarship programme is addressed to highly talented young people, in order to provide them with education in a non-public high school held by Akademeia High School with its registered office in Warsaw, hereinafter referred to as the: "AHS".

By granting "Reach Higher" scholarships, AHS wishes to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Poland regaining its independence, thus contributing to the creation of intellectual capital of our country.

§ 1.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis and the competition is announced to the public through AHS's website.
2. The scholarship shall be granted for the entire period of education at AHS on condition of maintenance of high achievements in education by the scholarship holder.
3. The scholarship is granted by the Management Board of Akademeia High School Sp.z o.o., hereinafter referred to as the "AHS Management Board", to a candidate (student) who successfully completes two stages of the scholarship application process and is admitted to the high school held by AHS.
4. The number of scholarship holders in a specific year depends on the financial funds allocated to finance the scholarships currently held by AHS.



§ 2.

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. The students who intend to start their education at the high school held by AHS and meet at least one of the following requirements may apply for the scholarship:
 - a) in the last two school years obtained a title of a winner or a finalist of a competition or contest of a recognized reputation;
 - b) obtained in the last completed school year the average grade not lower than 4.5 or at the comparable level from the obligatory subjects, calculated based on the school or last school year completion certificate if a candidate was subject to different evaluation scheme;
 - c) obtained the result not lower than:
 - i. 80 % in each part of the junior high school completion examination or
 - ii. A or 7 as average result in the exams: The General Certificate of Secondary Education or
 - iii. comparable to the results specified in sections i-ii;
 - d) obtained the documented outstanding results in a specific field of science or sport;
 - e) obtained above average academic or sport achievements documented by recommendation of a scientific entity such as research institute, university or organization acting for a benefit of education or a person or institution with a recognized scientific authority.
2. The Scholarship Committee makes a substantive assessment of a candidate by adding up the points awarded according to the scoring system:
 - a) winners or finalists of competitions or contests, referred to in section 1 letter a. shall receive on a one-off basis regardless of the number of competitions or contests of which they are winners or finalists the following:

| TITLE | NUMBER OF POINTS |
|----------|------------------|
| Winner | 10 |
| Finalist | 5 |



- b) persons who obtained the appropriate average, referred to in section 1 letter b. shall receive the following:

| AVERAGE | NUMBER OF POINTS |
|-------------|------------------|
| 4.5 - 4.75 | 1 |
| 4.75 - 5.25 | 3 |
| 5.25 - 6.0 | 6 |

- c) persons who passed one of the examinations, referred to in section 1 letter c. shall receive the following:

| JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION EXAMINATION | GCSE | NUMBER OF POINTS |
|---|----------------------|------------------|
| Average grade 80-85% | Average grade A/7 | 1 |
| Average grade 85-95% | Average grade 8 | 3 |
| Average grade 95-100% | Average grade A* / 9 | 6 |

- d) persons who obtained the documented outstanding results in a specific field of science or sport as referred to in section 1 letter d shall receive up to 30 points;
- e) persons who obtained the above average academic or sport achievements documented by recommendation of a scientific entity such as a research institute, university or organization acting for a benefit of education or a person or institution with a recognized scientific authority as referred to in section 1 letter e shall receive up to 30 points;
- f) persons who set about performing a task of a scientific nature to be assessed by the Scholarship Committee as referred to in § 5 section 1 of the Terms and Conditions shall receive up to 60 points.



3. In the event of a necessity to establish a place in a ranking list of candidates with the same number of points, the following premises, listed according to their hierarchy of importance shall be adopted:
 - a) obtaining by a student of a title of a winner or a finalist of a competition or contest (a winner takes priority over a finalist);
 - b) result of the examinations, referred to in section 1 letter c;
 - c) average grade from the subject, referred to in section 1 letter b.

§ 3.

CONTEST NOTICE

1. The AHS Management Board announces the scholarship contest in the AHS's website. The notice includes information on the competition procedure, including schedule and the submission form.
2. The notice contains information on the maximum amount of the scholarship, maximum number of the scholarship holders and maximum number of the candidates qualified for the second stage of the contest, determined based on the funds, referred to in § 1 section 4 of the Terms and Conditions.
3. A specific edition of the contest may be narrowed to some subjects.

§ 4.

THE FIRST STAGE OF THE CONTEST

1. The first stage of the contest requires the candidate to submit an on-line contest entry form available in the AHS website, in which the following details can be inter alia provided:
 - a) identification details of the candidate;
 - b) identification and contact details of the candidate's parents or legal guardians;
 - c) information confirming meeting of the criteria as listed in § 2 section 1 of the Terms and Conditions by the candidate;
 - d) information of the requested scope of the scholarship;
 - e) information of the requested amount of the scholarship.



2. Those persons who correctly complete a contest entry form and meet at least one of the requirements listed in § 2 section 1 of the Terms and Conditions shall be qualified for the second stage of the contest and shall be included in the preliminary ranking list of candidates referred to in section 3.
3. The Scholarship Committee shall create from those candidates who correctly complete a contest entry form and meet at least one of the requirements listed in § 2 section 1 of the Terms and Conditions a preliminary ranking list on the basis of the educational achievements of the candidates, assessed according to the guidelines provided for in § 2 section 2 letters: a - e of the Terms and Conditions, starting from a candidate with a highest number of points to a candidate ending the maximum amount of the candidates qualified for the second stage, referred to in § 3 section 2 of the Terms and Conditions.
4. The persons qualified for the second stage shall be informed about this fact via email. The names and surnames of the persons qualified for the second stage may also be published in the AHS website.

§ 5.

THE SECOND STAGE OF THE CONTEST

1. The second stage of the contest shall require a candidate qualified for it to have an interview with the Scholarship Committee on the date indicated in the contest notice, during which the candidate will be asked to perform a task of a scientific nature to be assessed by the Scholarship Committee.
2. At this stage the candidate shall be also obligated to confirm his/her participation in the AHS high school recruitment process under a penalty of stopping further consideration of him/her as a candidate.
3. The Scholarship Committee shall establish a ranking list of candidates who have successfully completed the interview with the Scholarship Committee and confirmed their participation in the AHS high school recruitment process, on the basis of their educational results.



4. The educational achievements of the candidates shall be assessed according to the guidelines provided for in § 2 section 2 of the Terms and Conditions.
5. The AHS Management Board shall decide to award the candidates with a scholarship in the amount requested at the moment of making application for the scholarship contest in accordance with the order of persons included in the ranking list, starting from a candidate with a highest number of points to a candidate, which finishes the list covered by the financial funds allocated to scholarships in a specific year.
6. The persons who can receive a scholarship, on condition of a successful AHS high school recruitment, shall be informed of that via email. The names and surnames of such persons may also be published in the AHS website.
7. The candidates from the ranking list, who were not awarded with a scholarship by the AHS Management Board shall be placed on a reserve list in the order corresponding to putting them in the ranking list.
8. In case when a candidate who was awarded with a scholarship, does not sign a scholarship agreement, a candidate from the reserve list may obtain a scholarship according to the order of placing the candidates therein if only the available financial funds provide such a possibility.
9. The persons from the reserve list who can receive a scholarship, on condition of a successful AHS high school recruitment and in connection with not concluding a scholarship agreement by another candidate, shall be informed of that via email. The names and surnames of such persons may also be published in the AHS website.



§ 6.

PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

1. A purpose of the scholarship can include, depending on the application made, coverage of the following costs:
 - a) enrolment fee made while concluding the agreement for education in the AHS high school;
 - b) tuition fee for studying at the AHS high school;
 - c) accommodation in a dormitory or boarding house held by AHS on availability basis;
 - d) catering at the place indicated by AHS.
2. In the event of a scholarship holder resigning from the accommodation, referred to in section 1 letter c during the school year:
 - a) the scholarship in the said school year shall not be changed;
 - b) application for recalculating the scholarship basis and changing the scholarship amount can be made by a scholarship holder only with effects as of the beginning of the subsequent school year.
3. In case when a scholarship holder does not make the application, referred to in section 2 letter b, starting from the subsequent school year, the scholarship holder shall be authorized to the accommodation scholarship, referred to in section 1 letter c according to the provisions of the scholarship agreement, except for a situation when a dormitory or boarding house held by AHS are fully occupied. In such situation the scholarship calculation basis shall be recalculated and the scholarship amount shall be changed starting from the subsequent school year.



§ 7.

WORK OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

1. Every year the Scholarship Committee is appointed by the AHS Management Board from the persons recommended by the Akademeia High School management and shareholders in Akademeia Educational Group Sp. z o.o.. The AHS Management Board shall also appoint the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee.
2. The persons related by blood or affinity with the candidate or persons remaining in another personal or legal relationship with the candidate or his/her parent/legal guardian, which could raise doubts as to the impartiality of a member of the Scholarship Committee, may not become members of the Scholarship Committee. If such a situation occurs in the course of the recruitment process, the concerned member of the Scholarship Committee shall communicate that fact to the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee or the AHS Management Board.
3. The meeting of the Scholarship Committee shall be convened by the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee at least 7 days before its due date. Only members of the Scholarship Committee shall have the right to vote.
4. The right to participate in the meetings of the Scholarship Committee shall be vested in persons invited by the Scholarship Committee, who may be in an advisory capacity as experts.
5. The works of the Scholarship Committee are documented with a protocol that shall include the list of participants (members of the Scholarship Committee and the invited persons) and all decisions taken by the Scholarship Committee. The protocol shall be drawn up by a minutes-taker appointed by the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee from outside the members of the Scholarship Committee.
6. After lapse of the deadline for conclusion of the scholarship agreement, as indicated for the candidates who were awarded with a scholarship, to sign the scholarship agreement, in case of failure to execute the scholarship agreement even by one of the eligible candidates, the AHS Management Board shall take a decision on a possibility to award a scholarship to other candidates from the



reserve list.

7. The protocol signed by the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee and the minutes-taker, containing in particular the list of the candidates qualified for the second stage of the contest or ranking list, shall be forwarded to the AHS Management Board.

§ 8.

RULES OF DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

1. The scholarship shall be awarded according to the requested scope and amount i.e. in the appropriate amount to cover the costs, listed in § 6 of the Terms and Conditions, in:
 - a) 100% - In the case of candidates whose average income for each family member does not exceed the amount of one minimum wage in Poland;
 - b) 92% - In the case of candidates whose average income for each family member does not exceed twice the amount of one minimum wage in Poland;
 - c) 87% - In the case of candidates whose average income for each family member does not exceed three times the amount of one minimum wage in Poland;
 - d) 80% - In the case of candidates whose average income for each family member does not exceed four times the amount of one minimum wage in Poland;
 - e) 65% - In the case of candidates whose average income for each family member does not exceed six times the amount of one minimum wage in Poland;
 - f) 30% - In the case of candidates whose average income for each family member does not exceed nine times the amount of one minimum wage in Poland;
 - g) 5% - In the case of candidates whose income for each family member exceeds nine times the amount of one minimum wage in Poland.



as determined in the specific year in the applicable regulation on the minimum salary amount, subject to provisions of § 9 section 2 of the Terms and Conditions.

2. The amount of the scholarship may be at any time recalculated at the request of the scholarship holder or in connection with change in the data and declarations, referred to in § 9 section 4 of the Terms and Conditions.

§ 9.

SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT

1. The persons awarded with the scholarships or their parents/legal guardians are required to provide AHS with the documents confirming authenticity of the details and information submitted during the contest and sign a scholarship agreement with the AHS on the dates determined in the contest notice, but no later than within 30 days from the date of announcing the results of the contest.
2. In the event of failure to produce the documents, referred to in section 1 as provided for in
 - a) § 4 section 1 letters: a-d of the Terms and Conditions - the AHS shall refuse to conclude a scholarship agreement;
 - b) § 4 section 1 letter e of the Terms and Conditions - the scholarship shall be awarded in the amount specified in § 8 section 1 letter g of the Terms and Conditions.
3. The agreement, referred to in section 1, may also constitute a part of the education agreement concluded between AHS and the person awarded with the scholarship or his/her parents/legal guardians.
4. The persons awarded with the scholarships or their parents/legal guardians are required to immediately inform the AHS of any relevant change in the details and information provided during the contest which can influence the provisions of the scholarship agreement under the penalty of reduction of the scholarship in the subsequent school year up to the amount specified in § 8 section 1 letter g of the Terms and Conditions.



§ 10.

FINAL PROVISIONS

1. The AHS Management Board shall decide on issues not governed by these Terms and Conditions.
2. The Terms and Conditions shall enter into force on 1 December 2018.