

LEBANESE STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

Applications are invited for a placement at the two-year course leading to the International Baccalaureate Diploma (“IB”) at a United World College. The United World Colleges (“UWCs”) offer young men and women from all backgrounds the opportunity to develop international understanding through a curriculum that combines high academic standards, with activities designed to encourage a sense of social responsibility and adventure.

The student body and teaching staff of each College are international. Students from over ninety countries attend a two-year pre-university course, leading to the IB. Prospective students should know that although the main teaching language at the UWCs is English, English is not a prerequisite.

Entry is competitive, with selection based on academic ability, personal qualities and a wish to further the international aims of the UWC Movement.

In order to be able to compete for the placements, students must **fulfill ALL** of the following criteria:

* Currently living in Lebanon
* Lebanese nationals (at lease one parent is Lebanese) or students enrolled at a school in Lebanon for the past five years.
* 16 – 18 years of age by September 1, 2018 (this age limit is strict; if you turn 16 after this date you must apply next year)
* Strong motivation to attend UWC
* Above average academic grades

The fundamental principle in UWC selection is that each student is selected on the basis of personal merit alone, regardless of financial ability or status. Students are selected for UWC based on their personal qualifications, potential and engagement alone. Selection is based independently of a students' religious, ethnic, social or economic background.

The successful applicant will show strengths in the areas outlined below:

* An understanding of UWC ideals, particularly the focus on international peace and cross-cultural understanding;
* A commitment to providing service to others;
* The ability to act as an ambassador, positively representing Lebanon and the Lebanese culture;
* Tolerance, adaptability and signs of integrity and strength of character
* Readiness to live away from home and an appreciation of the challenges of living in the intense and multicultural setting of a College.

**Instructions to Applicant**

* **Before you begin completing the Application Form:**
* Find out all you can about UWC and the International Baccalaureate Diploma (“IB”) to determine whether this opportunity is suitable for you.
* Read the information provided at the end of this Application Form. You will find more information at http://www.uwc.org/ and www.ibo.org
* Discuss the opportunity and the application process with your family and teachers
* Read through the entire Application Form

**As you complete the Application Form:**

* Type in the spaces provided
* Parts I and II are to be completed by you, the Applicant. You are required to attach a personal photograph and a transcript of your marks/grades for the previous two academic years and grades of the first term of the current year obtained from your school to this section.
* Part III is to be completed by your Parents or a Guardian.
* Part IV is to be completed and signed by you, the Applicant and your Parents or a Guardian. Your signatures should be scanned and attached.
* On the website there is a teacher recommendation form which is to be completed by one of your teachers from school.

**Before sending the completed Application Form:**

* Go over your Application and re-read your responses and your essays. Check to make sure you have fully answered all the questions asked. If all questions have not been answered, your application will not be accepted.

**Your final Application must include:**

* Completed Application Form
* Personal photograph
* Copy of official identification document (National ID or passport)
* Transcript of your marks/grades for the previous two academic years obtained from your school and grades of the first term of the current year. Please include a translation into English if the original transcript is in Arabic or French (non-sworn translations will be accepted). If you are accepted into UWC, you will be expected to provide sworn translations of your transcripts in English within a short time frame.
* A recommendation letter from one of your teachers or supervisors (sent to separately, directly to **uwclebanon@gmail.com**by your teacher)

**Upon Completion:**

* This form and all the required documentation must be received by midnight **20th of December, 2017**. Please scan the application form, transcripts and all signatures and submit the application electronically to **uwclebanon@gmail.com**
* Receipt of your application will be acknowledged by email
* The committee will contact you by January 17, 2018 to let you know if you have been selected for the selection process.
* The selection process is run by the UWC National Committee of Lebanon in collaboration with the UWC International Office. Depending on the quantity of applicants, the selection process may run over two weekends; stage 2 and stage 3. Stage 2 selections will take place on **Saturday January 27th** and **Sunday January 28th,2018**. Stage 3 selections will take place on **Saturday February 3rd** and **Sunday February 4th 2018**. They will consist of a mixture of activities and interviews. If applying, please make sure you are available on both weekends.
* Families should be aware that they may be asked to fill in a financial assessment form should their son/daughter be chosen as a potential candidate.
* Candidates will be notified of the outcome of their application in the following week.

**Notes:**

* If you need to add more information or expand on a question, put information in the [Additional Information](#ADDINFO) field. No answers must exceed the character limit.
* The deadline for receiving completed applications is **December 20, 2017 at midnight.**
* Applicants will be notified by **January 17, 2018** on whether or not they have reached Stage 2.
* If you are unable to send the application electronically, please contact us at least three working days before January 10 at uwclebanon@gmail.com and we will make arrangements for you to submit your application in person.
* Please refer all enquiries to **uwclebanon@gmail.com**
* It is expected that the size of your complete application will range between 1-8 Megabytes. **Applications that are larger than 10 Megabytes (total size for the application and attached documents) will be disqualified**.



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| Part I: Application Cover Sheet *(to be completed by the Applicant)* |
| **A. Personal & Contact Information** |
| Family Name:  |       |  |
| First Names: |       |
| Gender: | Choose an item. |
| Date of Birth:  |       | (dd-mmm-yyyy) |
| Country and City of Birth:  |       |
| Nationality:  |       |
| Please list any additional nationalities/passports you hold: |       |
| Residential Address:  |       |
| City:  |       | Country:       |
| Tel. home:  |       | Tel. mobile:       |
| Email:       |
| What languages do you speak or write fluently?       |
| **B. How Did You Learn About UWC?** |
| *You may have learned and heard about UWC from several different sources. Please tick all that apply.* |
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|  | [ ]  | Family/friends who attended UWC | [ ]  | My school or teacher advertised UWC |
| [ ]  | Family/friends who heard about UWC | [ ]  | I heard a presentation by a UWC representative |
| [ ]  | UWC International website | [ ]  | Facebook |
| [ ]  | UWC College or School website |  |  |
| [ ]  | Other website – Please specify: |       |  |
| [ ]  | Cultural centre/Embassy – Please specify: |       |  |
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| **C. Application Information** |
| *The questions below allow you to express some preferences about your application and possible admission.* *Your answers in this section will only be considered if you have qualified for UWC admission after the interview stage.* |
| 1. You may rank all or some of the UWC campuses by order of preference if you wish. If you have no particular preference, feel free to leave this question blank. The selection committee cannot guarantee that a place will be available at your preferred UWC campus and you should understand that in applying to UWC you are applying to a global educational movement and not to a specific country or campus. Discretion for allocating places rests with the selection committee. |
|  | Please click on the number preference for each box besides the different UWCs to indicate your preferences. |  |
|  |  |  UWC Adriatic |  |  Li Po Chun UWC |  |  UWC Mostar |  |  UWC South East Asia |  |
|  |  |  UWC Atlantic |  |  Mahindra UWC |  |  Pearson UWC |  |  Waterford Kamhlaba UWC |  |
|  |  |  UWC Costa Rica |  |  UWC Maastricht |  |  UWC Changshu |  |  UWC-USA |  |
|  |  |  UWC Dilijan |  |  UWC Robert Bosch |  |  UWC Red Cross Nordic |  |  |  |
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| If you have provided a ranking, please give the reason for your preference here (200 characters):       |
| 2. In addition to your College application, do you wish to be considered for a UWC Short Course or Youth Leadership Seminar taking place in July or August of 2018?*(If yes, the Selection Committee will provide you with further information during the application process. Places/scholarships for UWC Short Courses or Youth Leadership Seminars are not always available.)* |  |  |  |  |
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| Part II: Education and Interests*(to be completed by the Applicant)* |
| **A. School Information** |
| 1. Tell us which schools you have attended & when. Please list the most recent first. |
| School Name & City | Dates Attended (MM/YYYY) |
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| 2. Current School Name and Address: |
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| School Telephone:       | School Fax:       |
| 3. In the space below, list any academic prizes or distinctions, or other awards/diplomas that you have earned. *(Include copies of certificates or awards with your application if available)* |
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| **B. Language Ability** |
| 1. What is your home language or mother-tongue:       |
| 2. List any foreign languages that you speak or read below. Please tell us where you studied each language, and for how many years. Indicate your reading, writing and speaking proficiency in each language by putting an X in the box that applies. |
| **Language 1:** |       | Where did you study Language 1 and for how many years?      |
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| What is your proficiency in Language 1?*(please tick)* | Reading: | [ ]  | Fluent | [ ]  | Intermediate | [ ]  | Beginner |
| Writing: | [ ]  | Fluent | [ ]  | Intermediate | [ ]  | Beginner |
| Speaking: | [ ]  | Fluent | [ ]  | Intermediate | [ ]  | Beginner |
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| **Language 2:** |       | Where did you study Language 2 and for how many years?      |
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| What is your proficiency in Language 2?*(please tick)* | Reading: | [ ]  | Fluent | [ ]  | Intermediate | [ ]  | Beginner |
| Writing: | [ ]  | Fluent | [ ]  | Intermediate | [ ]  | Beginner |
| Speaking: | [ ]  | Fluent | [ ]  | Intermediate | [ ]  | Beginner |
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| *If you wish to add other languages, please attach a separate sheet.**English language proficiency is not an application requirement for UWC.* |
| **C. Extra-Curricular Interests** |
| *The selection committee will use your answers in the following section to learn more about you. There are no right or wrong answers. Avoid the temptation to list everything that you have ever done. We want to hear about what matters to you.* *For any activity or interest that you describe, indicate your level of achievement and time commitment.**Please note there is a limit of* 1000 *characters for each question.* |
| 1. Describe any positions of responsibility or leadership that you have held. |
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| 2. Describe any creative or artistic interests that you actively pursue. |
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| 3. Describe any athletic activities in which you regularly participate. |
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| 4. Tell us how you have helped others in the last two years. Your answer may include service to your family, friends, school, or community, as well as to an NGO or a charity. |
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| 5. If there is anything else that you would like the committee to know about, please tell us in the space below. |
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| **D. Short Essays** |
| *Please answer the following four questions as honestly and thoughtfully as you can. Remember that there are no right or wrong answers.* *Your answers may vary in length, but the ‘Short Essay’ section should not be longer than 2 pages in total. Keep in mind that quality is always better than quantity.* |
| **This question only may be answered in Arabic or French instead of English, if you prefer.**1. What are your hopes and dreams for the future? What are you doing now to reach your goals, and what are some of the things you feel you need to get better at in order to reach your goals? *(no more than 2000 Characters)* |
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| 2. Why do you want to attend a UWC college or school? *(no more than 1500 Characters)* |
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| 3. The committee would like to learn about your family. Tell us briefly about your family members and then describe chronologically the most important events in your family life since your birth. *(no more than 2000 Characters)* |
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| 4. Describe an incident or time when you took initiative in the face of a challenge, but that did not work out as you had hoped or expected. What actions did you take and what did you learn from that experience? *(no more than 2000 Characters)* |
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| Part III Parent or Guardian Information*(to be completed by the Applicant’s Parents or a Guardian)*  |
| **Father or Guardian** |
| Last Name:       | First Name(s):       |
| Title:       | Nationality:       |
| Occupation and Place of Work:       |
| Residential Address:(leave blank if same as the applicant) |       |
| Tel. home:       | Tel. mobile:       | Tel. work:       |
| Email:       | Please tick here if you do ***not*** wish to be contacted at work |  |  |
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| Are you comfortable communicating with the Selection Committee in English? | [ ]  Yes | [ ]  No |
| **Mother or Guardian** |
| Last Name:       | First Name(s):       |
| Title:       | Nationality:       |
| Occupation and Place of Work:       |
| ResidentialAddress:*(leave blank if same as the applicant)* |        |
| Tel. home:       | Tel. mobile:       | Tel. work:       |
| Email:       | Please tick here if you do ***not*** wish to be contacted at work |  |  |
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| Are you comfortable communicating with the Selection Committee in English?  | [ ]  Yes | [ ]  No |
| **Alternate Designated Contact** |
| *If neither parent is comfortable communicating with the Selection Committee in English, you are welcome to designate another family member or trusted family friend to fill this role. Please provide that person’s information in the space below.* |
| Last Name:       | First Name(s):       |
| Title:       | Country & city of residence:       |
| Tel. home:       | Tel. mobile:       | Tel. work:  |
| Email:       | Please tick here if we should ***not*** contact him/her at work |  |  |
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| Relationship to the Applicant:       |

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| Part IV: Additional Information and Signatures*(to be completed by both the Applicant’s Parents or a Guardian, and by the Applicant)* |
| **Additional Information**  |
| Is there any other information relevant to this application that you would like to bring to the attention of the Selection Committee? Please be sure to include details about any medical conditions, allergies, and/or special needs the Applicant may have. If you need more space, a separate letter may be enclosed. |
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| **Parent/Guardian Signature** |
| I have read the application for entry to a 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 UWC. I recognize that the UWC has the right to exclude my son/daughter/ward for violation of them and/or behavior bringing disrepute or danger on the UWC or on other students/staff. While my son/daughter/ward is in residence at a UWC, I wish and authorize the College to act as Guardian in my place for decisions involving his/her personal care and welfare. |
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| Name of Father/Guardian |       |  | Name of Mother/Guardian       |
| Signature | Signature |
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| Date:      |  | Date:        |
| **Applicant Declaration and Signature** |
| I,       ,hereby declare:* That all information contained in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and truthful.
* That I have discussed all aspects of the commitment involved with applying for entry to a UWC with my parent(s)/guardian(s) and this application has their full approval.
* That, should the application be successful, I undertake for myself to observe the rules, regulations and guidelines of the UWC. I recognize that the UWC has the right to exclude me for violations of these and/or behavior bringing disrepute or danger on the UWC or other students/staff.
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