

United World College National Committee of Great Britain (GBNC)

Admissions Policy - Revised October 2023

The purpose of this policy is to outline the process for candidates applying to United World Colleges through the Great Britain National Committee (GBNC)

In order to be able to apply through the GBNC, a young person must:

- Be aged 16 or 17 on the 1st of September of the year they aim to enter a UWC
- have lived in the UK for at least three years prior to applying OR hold a British passport

Process:

Each year the GBNC is allocated places at individual colleges within the United World College group for eligible candidates. The GBNC then conducts a merit based selections process to identify the young people it feels show the greatest promise and potential to benefit from a UWC education.

The selections process includes the following steps:

- A written application form
- A panel interview
- A group assessment
- Two references from adults that know the candidate well
- Health disclosure form and other relevant documentation

Following our selections process, we review the performance of candidates and nominate candidates to their individual college. It is the decision of the individual college whether or not to accept the candidate along with any scholarship (financial aid)

Financial Support:

All candidates who apply through the GBNC can choose to be considered for a bursary (financial aid).

As a National Committee, we largely administer funds from individual colleges for full and partial bursary. This varies from year to year. Although we aim to meet all demonstrated financial needs, we are limited by the amount of financial aid available in any given year.

Bursaries are allocated based on the level of demonstrated financial need of an individual candidate and not on their academic ability or other aptitudes.

Candidates who do not complete a financial aid form by the required deadline will not be eligible for any funding should they receive an offer to attend a UWC.

Equal opportunities

The GBNC recognises their responsibility under the Equality Act 2010 and does not discriminate in any way. The GBNC is committed to ensuring equal treatment for all throughout the selections process regardless of a candidate's ethnicity, gender, physical ability, race, religion, sexual orientation or social background

Conflicts of interest:

Members of the National Committee are asked to declare any conflicts of interest at each meeting and will inform the Chair where they have a personal (eg relative/family friend) or working relationship (eg student/mentor) with an applicant. In the interests of transparency we ask that candidates and their families make the Chair aware of any current or previous links to the National Committee

Disclosures

It is essential that parents and guardians disclose all relevant information regarding their child's learning needs and any health conditions during the selections process. This should be done at the earliest opportunity and include sharing any medical reports or educational psychologist's assessments where they exist.. This information will help us to ensure that we can make any necessary adjustments during the selections process and are able to advise parents of the provision available at individual colleges. Ultimately, the decision to accept a candidate to a college rests with the individual college and not with the GBNC.

The GBNC reserves the right to withdraw a nomination in circumstances when it becomes aware that material information provided as part of a candidate's application is intentionally false or misleading. Where it becomes apparent that information has not been shared with a UWC college prior to nomination, this will be shared with the relevant college at the earliest opportunity. This may lead to a student being withdrawn from their college after acceptance.

Appeal

There is no right to appeal a decision not to nominate a student to attend a UWC. The decision of the Selections Team is final.

Complaints

During the process, should candidates have any complaints about the selections process or the conduct of representatives of the GBNC these should be placed in writing to the Chair of the National Committee chair@uwcgb.org