

SLUWC Application Form 2025

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, especially given we have only three potential spots to China, Germany and Japan. Excellent BECE results and school report cards are necessary, but not sufficient to be shortlisted, nominated, or admitted by the UWC schools. While we encourage all qualified students to apply regardless of their financial circumstances, it should be noted that one of the available scholarships is only partially funded. Students selected for this opportunity would be required to cover approximately 25% of the remaining tuition costs (~ USD \$13,000 per year totaling USD \$26,000 over the 2 years). Please be assured that the National Committee remains committed to advocating for increased financial support and will continue to negotiate with the college to secure a more comprehensive scholarship package.

In addition to the 3 potential spots that we're seeking application, UWC RBC, Germany is also asking all National Committees including Sierra Leone, to identify and nominate students fitting one of these categories:

French A: Native or proficient French speakers (minimum B2 level) to strengthen their French Language program, particularly reflecting the historical ties of the Freiburg region.

Sustainability: Students with a proven commitment to environmental sustainability, demonstrated through past projects and experiences, to actively participate in our campus programs.

Note for the French A and/or Sustainability nominations, you'll be competing with students from other countries. We'll submit your nominations to the UWC RBC Germany, who will review nominations from different countries and make a final selection.

To be considered for the French A and/or Sustainability nominations, you must meet the eligibility criteria listed below, complete the application, and submit a one-page essay demonstrating your French A and/or Sustainability qualifications. Be sure to include any evidence that supports your case. We will validate and where applicable test that you meet the French A and/or Sustainability requirements.

Please reach out to admissions@sl.uwc.org if you have questions

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 2025, 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, 2025
- Be enrolled in SSS2 or SSS3 on February 1, 2025
- 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. 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 December 20th and close on 11:59 pm on January 17th. 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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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

___/___/___ (YYYY/MM/DD)

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
<input type="radio"/> BECE	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="radio"/> GCSE			

C. ESSAY QUESTION 1

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? **[250 words max]**

D. ESSAY QUESTION 2

If given unlimited access to resources, what social justice issue would you effect change in within your community? What will be your role and goal to make this change? How do you think it will benefit your community? **[300 words max]**

E. ESSAY QUESTION 3

What are some of your personality strengths and weaknesses? Give a specific example of a time when your personality flaw(s) was a hindrance. What did you learn from the experience? **[400 words max]**

F. ESSAY QUESTION 4

What is your dream career/job? How do you plan to make a change locally and/or internationally with your desired career path? **[150 words max]**

PLEASE READ: I the undersigned have prepared this application on my own behalf. The ideas expressed in essays 1 - 4 are my work and not written by someone else, an AI tool and/or plagiarized, which could result in your application being disqualified. 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 17th, 2025.

Signature of applicant:



Date:

___/___/___ (YYYY/MM/DD)