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DAFI Scholarship Programme Application Form

Please read the instructions carefully and make sure you understand the criteria and conditions of the scholarship before applying. Women and persons with specific needs are encouraged to apply.

The deadline for submission of this application is: 20th August 2021

ABOUT THE DAFI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Since 1992, the German Government has financed the annual [Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative \(DAFI\)](#), which aims to help young refugees around the world to start or continue their higher education.

The DAFI programme aims to support qualified, academically strong young refugee women and men who meet the requirements to access higher education in the country of asylum. The DAFI scholarship aims to empower young women and men equally to contribute knowledge, skills and leadership to the refugee community, and to facilitate peaceful coexistence, social cohesion, and the development of host communities during displacement. To achieve this, each sponsored student is expected to contribute to their community and society not only through their academic and professional careers, but also through their personal engagement, supporting and inspiring other community members, especially refugee children and youth.

DAFI scholarships are awarded for a maximum of four years of study at bachelor or equivalent degree levels in higher education institutions. The DAFI programme does not support Master's level study.

A DAFI scholarship covers the cost of tuition and fees, study and learning materials and other education-related costs such as for research or internships. The scholarship also provides a subsistence allowance to defray the cost of food, transport, accommodation and other expenses associated with participation in a higher education degree programme.

DAFI scholars participate in social, peer and community engagement and skills development activities. UNHCR and education partners maintain close contact with each scholar and with the higher education institutions they study so as to ensure the academic success and well-being of each student.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To apply for a DAFI scholarship you must meet the following criteria:

- You are an individual who has been granted **refugee status** in the host country or you are considered as in need of international protection by UNHCR and/or the host country.
- **You are 28 years or younger** at the start of your studies. (Exceptions to the age limitation may apply if you started your bachelor studies in your home country but had to interrupt your studies due to flight, or if you faced particular challenges to access higher education programmes because of a specific factor such as: parenting or child care responsibilities, disability, etc.)
- **You have a high/secondary school diploma and you can present the original documents attesting your achievements.** If you do not possess the relevant documents, please contact UNHCR or the project partner and explain your situation prior to submission of your application. Indicate the reason you cannot submit an original certificate on the application form.
- **You achieved above average results in high/secondary school.**
- You are **proficient in the language of instruction** of the degree programme in which you wish to enrol.
- You are **not currently receiving a scholarship** from another source.
- **You are in need of financial assistance** to pursue your studies.

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- **You have a strong motivation** to contribute to your community through leadership, volunteering, community service, mentoring, community development or similar.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The DAFI scholarship may be renewed each year for up to four years based on regular class attendance, successful completion of each semester and academic year, progress towards the degree within the regular study time foreseen by the higher education institution, and participation in DAFI programme activities such as the DAFI club and community engagement.

At the beginning of each academic year, DAFI scholars sign a Scholarship Agreement form. DAFI scholars are expected to work diligently towards the successful completion of the programme of study and to inform UNHCR, the project partner or a counsellor at the higher education institution if you are experiencing challenges, whether personal or academic. In cases of fraud or misconduct, the scholarship will be discontinued immediately. In case of repeated absenteeism, underperformance or academic failure, continuation or discontinuation of the scholarship will be determined by the partners taking into account the circumstances, reasons or explanation provided.

Tuition and required study fees may be paid directly to the university based on record of successful academic performance. The student allowance is paid directly to the scholar on a monthly basis.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The application must include all required documents. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. Application process

- Collect all necessary documents for your application and complete the application form.
- Obtain information about fields of study, which higher education institutions offer the study programme you wish to follow and what the admission requirements are.
- Submit your completed and signed application **before or on the due date with all required documents**.
- Wait to receive further information from UNHCR or the project partner regarding your application. If your application meets the formal application and eligibility criteria, you will receive an invitation for an interview by XX date. Given the high number of applications received, you will only be contacted if you are shortlisted.
- If after the interview your application is considered, you will be contacted by UNHCR or the project partner. The scholarship comes into effect after the signing of a scholarship agreement and your respective acceptance of the scholarship.

2. Collect and prepare the required documents

- **Letter of motivation explaining your motivation to study, professional aspirations, and plans for the future; how your personal, family, and/or social situation make you suited for and deserving of the scholarship; any specific details concerning your situation such as the lack of documentation and certificates. The letter should be no longer than 500 words and written in the language of instruction of your programme of study.**
- One completed and signed application form
- Two passport photos, with your name on the back stapled to your application form
- Copy of UNHCR refugee certificate
- Copy of your high school transcripts and diploma or certification of completion
- If you have previously been enrolled in higher education, copy of transcript of prior learning or credit completed.
- If you have already been admitted or enrolled in a higher education institution in your first country of asylum, submit record of enrollment or letter of acceptance

3. Application submission

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- Once the call for applications has been made Submit only the Scholarship Application Form and required supplementary documents
- Submit complete application materials to the designated address before or on the due date:
 - Send application documents along with relevant scanned documents (as mentioned in above point 2) via email to: paramitad@boscodelhi.org
 - Submit paper-based documents in an envelope with your name on the outside at any of the following centres (if possible following the COVID norms)

BOSCO, New Delhi

- Malviya Nagar Training Centre: 147 A Khirki Village.Opp. Select City Mall,
- Bhogal Training Centre: 1-1/6A Temple Road, Jangpura, Bhogal.
- Vikaspuri Training Centre: WZ- 83 Budella, Vikaspuri, Near DG-2 Flats,

Save The Children, Hyderabad- House No-9-53, Plot No- 3, New Gayathri Nagar, Jilleguda, Hyderabad, 500097 (Land Mark : Opposite 2nd Megacity Grammer High School).

Save The Children, Jammu- Lane no. 3, Peer colony, Narwalbala, Kiryani Talab, Bhatindi, Jammu 180002, Near Akthar Super Market

ActionAid, Mewat-Ward No. 2, Housing Board Colony, Nangli Road, Nuh, Mewat-122107 (Haryana)

ActionAid, Mathura- Vigyan Foundation education centre, Village-Allahapur, Near Bansi nursery, Paras madi hospital, Agra-delhi bypass, Near Chattikara chauraha, Mathura, Pincode-281001

ActionAid, Aligarh-Vigyan Foundation centre, Makhdum Nagar, Baniye wali gali, Aligarh, Pincode - 202001

DAJI, Jaipur-59, Mehnat Nagar 60 Ft Road, Hatwara, Khatipura Road, Jaipur - 302006, Rajasthan

Gandhi National Memorial Society (GNMS), Pune Agakhan Palace, Yerawada, Ahmedagar Road, Pune - 411006

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Scholarship Application Form

To be filled out by the applicant. Please complete all items and ensure handwriting is legible.

Part I - General information

1. Family name	
2. Given name(s)	
<i>Please write names exactly as they appear in your identity or academic documents.</i>	

3. Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)	
4. Place of birth	Country: _____ City/Village: _____
5. Nationality(ies)	
6. Refugee ID number	
7. Month and year of entry to where?	
8. Marital status (Please select one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed
9. Children	<input type="checkbox"/> No children <input type="checkbox"/> Children (please add number): _____
10. Current occupation/activity (Please select one)	<input type="checkbox"/> High school graduate (just completed high school) <input type="checkbox"/> University student (already enrolled in university) <input type="checkbox"/> Previous university studies complete, interrupted due to: <input type="checkbox"/> Employed, please specify: <input type="checkbox"/> Self-employed, please specify: <input type="checkbox"/> Casual work, please specify: <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:

11. Physical address	
12. Mobile number	
13. Whatsapp, if different from mobile number	
14. E-mail address	

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Part II - Family situation

15. Parent/Caregiver information

	Last name	First name	Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)	Location (country, deceased, other)
a. Father				
b. Mother				
c. Main caregiver (if different from parent)				

16. Siblings

Last name, first name	Female/Male (F/M)	Age	Do they attend school? Y/N	If yes, what grade/level?	Do they work? Y/N	If yes, what type of work?	Do you live in the same household? Y/N
1.							
2.							
3.							
4.							
5.							

17. Dependent information

Provide information about your spouse, children, and/or other dependents. If there are more than two dependents, please include additional information on a separate sheet of paper.

- I do not have children or dependents
- If you do have children or dependents, please complete the following:

Dependent (1)	
Last name:	First name:
Relationship (spouse, child, etc.)	
Age	
Date of birth	Day: Month: Year:
Place of birth	Country: City/Village:
Current residence	Country: City/Village:
Dependent (2)	
Last name:	First name:
Relationship (spouse, child, etc.)	
Age	

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Date of birth	Day:	Month:	Year:
Place of birth	Country:	City/Village:	
Current residency	Country:	City/Village:	

18. Specific needs

Please indicate if you or another close family member are living with a disability or serious medical condition or any other special circumstances that should be taken into account. If possible, include medical record with your application.

- I have a specific need
- One of my family members has a specific need:
 - Last name, first name, age and relationship to you: _____
- I have a specific need and a family member has a specific need
- Not applicable

a. Type of condition (Please select what applies)	<input type="checkbox"/> Visual impairment <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing impairment <input type="checkbox"/> Physical impairment <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic disease, please specify: <input type="checkbox"/> Injury, please specify: <input type="checkbox"/> Serious medical condition, please specify: <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:
b. Type of specific assistance needed (medication, therapy, special food, protection, accommodation, care, reading material, hearing aids, etc.)	
c. If you have a specific need , please indicate whether it will impact your studies and any additional accommodations/ assistance that may be required to support you in your studies (e.g. accessible accommodation/ sign language interpreter).	

Part III - Social/economic situation

19. Parents' profession and education level

	Father (or caregiver)	Mother (or caregiver)
Level of education (highest level of education achieved <u>or</u> number of years in school)		
Profession		

20. Parents' current work/job

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	Father (or caregiver)	Mother (or caregiver)
Current work/job		
Estimated monthly income		

21. Family/household monthly income (please indicate currency)

a. Total monthly income (estimated)	Amount/currency:
b. Who earns most of the monthly household income?	Amount/currency:
c. Amount and source of household financial resources if you, your parents/caregiver/head of household are not working. (relative, church, etc.)	Amount/currency: Source:
d. Do <u>you</u> receive cash-based support?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
e. If you receive cash-based support, from which source?	<input type="checkbox"/> UNHCR <input type="checkbox"/> WFP <input type="checkbox"/> Other UN agency <input type="checkbox"/> Government agency <input type="checkbox"/> Non-governmental agency, please specify: <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:

Part IV - Academic background

22. High school

a. Dates of attendance	From (mm/yyyy):	To (mm/yyyy):
b. Location of school	Country:	City:
c. Name of school		
d. Student number (where applicable)		
e. Year graduated		
f. Grade average (as reported in the country of study)		
g. Official/certified copy of the high school diploma attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>If no, please explain why not:</i>	
h. If applicable: equivalence certificate from the Ministry of Education of the country of asylum attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>If no, please explain why not:</i>	

23. Higher education

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Complete this section only if you have previously enrolled in higher education but were forced to interrupt your studies, whether in the country of origin or the country of asylum.

- I did not previously enrol in higher education, not applicable
- If applicable, please provide the following information:

a. Dates of attendance	from (mm/yyyy):	to (mm/yyyy):
b. Number of semesters completed		
c. Location of school	Country:	City:
d. Name of school		
e. Subject studied		
f. Degree obtained (Y/N)		
g. Reason studies were interrupted	<i>If yes, the reason was:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> I was forced to flee. <input type="checkbox"/> I lacked the financial means to support myself. <input type="checkbox"/> Illness <input type="checkbox"/> Needed to support my family and had to work <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: _____ 	
f. Official/ certified copy of the results attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>If no, please explain why not:</i>	
g. If applicable: equivalence certificate from the Ministry of Education of the country of asylum attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>If no, please explain why not:</i>	

24. Languages

Indicate language level [native (N), excellent (E), good (G), and basic (B)] for each category. Include the language of instruction applicable to the course you seek to enrol in.

Languages <i>Indicate: N-native; E-excellent; G-good; B-basic</i>	Comprehension	Reading	Writing	Speaking	Proficiency certificate (Y/N)

25. Computers and technology

Check which apply to the availability of a personal computer to you:

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- I own a personal computer
- I do not own a personal computer
- We have one personal computer in the family that I can use from time to time
- I only have a smartphone which connects to the internet
- I do not have access to any means of connectivity to the internet.
- Other, please specify:

Please check (x) which apply to your skills in working with a computer and using the internet. Lack of experience or skills with technology will not impact your likelihood of selection.

Skill/ Experience	Never used/ no experience	Limited knowledge	Some practical knowledge	Advanced practical knowledge
General computer use				
Microsoft Word				
Microsoft Excel				
Email functions				
Search functions				
Programming				
Statistical work				
Other:				
Other:				

26. Professional experience

- I do not have any professional experience, not applicable
- If applicable, please provide the following information:

Name of company, organisation, agency	From (month/year)	To (month/year)	Type of work or position held
1.			
2.			
3.			

27. Social and community engagement/volunteering:

List community, social, sports, school, other activities you regularly participate in.

- I do not participate in any activities, not applicable
- If applicable, please provide the following information:

Type of activity	From (month/year)	To (month/year)	Details of activity, role and position held
1.			
2.			

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3.			
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28. Hobbies

Explain your interests and hobbies (reading, social engagements, arts, sports, etc.), 200 words or less.

Part V - Your study plan for this scholarship

<p>29. What subject would you like to study? Provide three options in order of preference.</p>	<p>Option 1:</p> <p>Option 2:</p> <p>Option 3:</p>
<p>30. In which higher education institution would you like to study?</p>	<p>Option 1:</p> <p>Option 2:</p> <p>Option 3:</p>
<p>31. Have you already applied for admission or been placed at one of the institutions mentioned above for the current or next academic year? If yes, please attach the proof/letter of admission if available.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>I have applied for admission at the following institution:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Letter of admission attached:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, please explain:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Response pending</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Admission rejected</p>
<p>32. What is the estimated duration of the programme of study?</p>	

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(number of academic years or semesters).

Please explain your personal and professional motivation for your preferred field of study. Mention employment opportunities, relevance to personal or community development, other factors influencing your choice? (200 words or less)

Part VI - Additional information

33. Have you received a higher education scholarship before?

- No
- Yes

If yes:

- Name of scholarship provider:
- Period for which scholarship was provided: (mm/yyyy) to (mm/yyyy)
- Country in which scholarship was received:
- Field of study or degree supported:
- Study completed/degree obtained: yes/no

34. If you are awarded a DAFI scholarship, what would be expected of you in terms of caring for your family/dependents during your studies?(200 words or less)

- I am not responsible for the care of any dependents or family members, not applicable
- If applicable, please explain.

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35. Do you expect to stay in the country for the full duration of the course?

- No
- Yes

Please provide information about any plans you are pursuing for leaving India:

- Voluntary Repatriation
- Resettlement
- Other (including through sponsorship for any other country)

Is your family in the pipeline for Naturalisation/Citizenship in India

- No
- Yes

Part VI - Information certification

I, _____, hereby certify that my statements in response to the above questions are true, complete and accurate. I understand that any false information provided in this application will affect my chances of selection. I undertake to inform UNHCR of any significant changes to my circumstances without delay.

I confirm that I am not receiving funding/scholarship from any other organisation or donor to pursue my tertiary education.

I understand that this application does not guarantee selection for the scholarship. If selected, I will make myself available for an interview and provide any additional information required.

I certify that I have read and understood the terms and conditions of the DAFI scholarship.

Signature

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Full name

Place and date

Part VII - Declaration of Consent

I, _____, understand and agree to the following:

- UNHCR or its designated partner will share personal data contained in this application form with a DAFI Selection Committee. The Selection Committee will use the data for the preparation and conduct of interviews and the selection of candidates for the DAFI scholarship.
- Members of the DAFI Selection Committee are representatives from a variety of institutions and organisations including UNHCR and possibly including the German Embassy, academic institutions, non-governmental organisations active in education, youth or livelihoods sectors, private or public sector representatives, other UN agencies, or other organisations involved in higher education. All members of a DAFI Selection Committee engage in respecting the confidentiality of the personal data contained in this application form.
- UNHCR or its designated partner may need to share data contained in this application form with higher education institutions and other relevant scholarship providers, strictly limited to that concerning the scholarship and in due respect of data confidentiality.
- Apart from the above, UNHCR will keep all my personal data confidential.
- I may request access to, correction and deletion of my personal data or object to its further processing. I understand that in the event of an objection to further processing of data during the selection process, it may impact my ability to proceed in the DAFI scholarship selection process. I can make requests by contacting paramitad@boscodelhi.org.
- I understand that in the event that I am selected for a DAFI scholarship, a request to delete my personal data may not be granted by UNHCR for monitoring and accountability purposes.

Applicant signature

Full name

Place and date