



Kaplan Merit Scholarship

The scholarship is offered to senior high school graduates who have achieved academic success in their national high school exam results, with the aim to support their undergraduate studies with Kaplan Higher Education Academy (KHEA) in Singapore.

This scholarship covers only the programme fees for the Kaplan Diploma in Professional Business English, full-time Kaplan Foundation Diploma, and the full-time Kaplan Diploma programmes.

To apply for the scholarship, the applicant must submit an essay of not more than 300 words, together with their application for the Kaplan Merit Scholarship 2026. The applicant may choose one of the following topics for the essay submission:

1. What unique qualities of a Kaplan Higher Education Academy education attracted you to apply, and how do you believe these qualities will support your academic and personal growth?
2. Artificial Intelligence is transforming the job market. As a prospective Kaplan Higher Education Academy student, how would you prepare for these changes and position yourself for future career success?
3. As a future member of the Kaplan Higher Education Academy community, how would you help build a sense of belonging for yourself and other students?

Eligibility Requirements

China

Year 12 (Equivalent)

- Minimum score of 60% in the College Entrance Exam (Gao Kao)

Grade 11 (Equivalent)

- Completion of Senior Year 2 (Gao Er) and minimum score of 70% from High School Entrance Exam (Zhong Kao)

Grade 10 (Equivalent)

- Completion of Senior Year 1 (Gao Yi) and minimum score of 70% from High School Entrance Exam (Zhong Kao)

Grade 9 (Equivalent)

- Minimum score of 70% from High School Entrance Exam (Zhong Kao)

Cambodia

Year 12 (Equivalent)

- Total score of Grade C (6 subjects) and above from Certificate of Upper Secondary Education

Grade 11 (Equivalent)

- Average score of 70% (6 subjects)

Grade 10 (Equivalent)

- Average score of 70% (6 subjects)

India

Year 12 (Equivalent)

- Overall score of 70% and above from the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) Year 12 Exam

Grade 10 (Equivalent)

- Overall score of 70% and above from the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) Year 10 Exam

Indonesia

Year 12 (Equivalent)

- Completed Year 12 National Curriculum (SMA) and average score of 80% from official and final High School certificate and transcripts; or
- Average grade of "C" (3 subjects) from A-Levels Qualification; or
- Minimum score of 24 points from IB Diploma Completion

Grade 11 (Equivalent)

- Completion of Year 11 National Curriculum (SMA2), average of 82% from official Senior High School transcript, and completion of Year 9 Junior High School (SMP) National Curriculum

Grade 10 (Equivalent)

- Completion of Year 10 National Curriculum (SMA1), average of 82% from official Senior High School transcript, and completion of Year 9 Junior High School (SMP) National Curriculum; or
- Minimum 3Bs from IGCSE O-Levels Qualification (any subjects)

Grade 9 (Equivalent)

- Completion of Year 9 Junior High School (SMP) National Curriculum and average of 82% from official and final Junior High School certificate and transcript

Kazakhstan

Year 12 (Equivalent)

- Minimum Grade 4 and above (6 subjects) from Certificate of Secondary General

Grade 10 (Equivalent)

- Minimum Grade 4 and above (6 subjects) from Certificate of Basic Education

Laos

Year 12 (Equivalent)

- Average 8.0/10.0 marks from Upper Secondary Diploma Qualification; or
- GED overall score of 160; or
- IB Diploma total points of 25 of average of 5 out of 5 best subjects

Grade 11 (Equivalent)

- Overall score of 8.5 marks from Lower Secondary Diploma Qualification; or
- Minimum 3Bs from IGCSE O-Levels Qualification (any subjects)

Malaysia

Year 12 (Equivalent)

- 5 subjects with minimum grade of B5 each or maximum 25 points from UEC Qualification; or
- Minimum CPGA of 3.5 from STPM Qualification; or
- Minimum 2As from GCE A-Levels Qualification; or
- Minimum CGPA of 3.5 from Malaysia Foundation/Certificate Qualification; or
- IB Diploma total points of 25 or average of 5 out of 5 best subjects; or
- Minimum ATAR 75.00; or
- SM3 report average 65% (5 best subjects)

Grade 11 (Equivalent)

- Minimum 5 subjects grade B from SPM Qualification; or
- Minimum 3Bs from IGCSE O-Levels Qualification (any subjects); or
- SPM Forecast 3As

Mongolia

Year 12 (Equivalent)

- Minimum score of 85% (4 subjects – English, Math, Mongolian, and either Science or Social Science) from the Secondary Graduation Exam

Grade 11 (Equivalent)

- Minimum score of 85% (4 subjects – English, Math, Mongolian, and either Science or Social Science)

Grade 10 (Equivalent)

- Minimum score of 85% (4 subjects – English, Math, Mongolian, and either Science or Social Science)

Grade 9 (Equivalent)

- Minimum score of 85% (4 subjects – English, Math, Mongolian, and either Science or Social Science)

Myanmar

Year 12 (Equivalent)

- Minimum score of 400 in the Myanmar Matriculation Exam; or
- GED overall score of 160

Grade 11 (Equivalent)

- Minimum score of 400 (6 subjects)

Grade 10 (Equivalent)

- Minimum score of 410 (6 subjects)

Grade 9 (Equivalent)

- Minimum score of 410 (5 subjects)

Philippines

Year 12 (Equivalent)

- Average score of 85% in the Grade 12 Senior High School (Academic Track)

Grade 11 (Equivalent)

- Average score of 85% in the Grade 11 Senior High School (Academic Track)

Grade 10 (Equivalent)

- Average score of 85% in the Grade 10 Junior High School (Academic Track)

Grade 9 (Equivalent)

- Average score of 85% in the Grade 9 Junior High School (Academic Track)

South Korea

Year 12 (Equivalent)

- Average score of 80 for the following 5 subjects – English, Korean, Korean History, Math, and either Science or Social Science – for 3 years in High School result; or from 4 subjects – English, Korean, Korean History, and Math of Korean SAT result; or
- Average score of 90 (based on 6 compulsory subjects) in Korean High School GED result

Grade 11 (Equivalent)

- Average score of 80 for the following subjects – English, Korean, Korean History, Math, and Science

Grade 10 (Equivalent)

- Average score of 80 for the following subjects – English, Korean, Korean History, Math, and Science

Grade 9 (Equivalent)

- Average score of 80 for the following subjects – English, Korean, Korean History, Math, and Science

Taiwan

Year 12 (Equivalent)

- Average score of 55 and above (5 subjects) from GSAT; or
- Average score of 75% (5 subjects) from Senior High School result

Grade 11 (Equivalent)

- Average score of 80% (4 subjects) from Grade 11 High School result

Grade 10 (Equivalent)

- Average score of 80% (4 subjects) from Grade Junior High School result

Thailand

Year 12 (Equivalent)

- Minimum GPA of 3.5 from Mattayom 6 Qualification; or
- GED overall score of 160; or
- IB Diploma total points of 25 or average of 5 out of 5 best subjects

Grade 11 (Equivalent)

- Completion of Mattayom 5 and minimum GPA of 3.5 based on Mattayom 3 Qualification; or

- Minimum 3Bs from IGCSE O-Levels Qualification (any subjects)

Grade 10 (Equivalent)

- Completion of Mattayom 4 and minimum GPA of 3.5 based on Mattayom 3 Qualification

Grade 9 (Equivalent)

- Minimum GPA of 3.5 based on Mattayom 3 Qualification

Vietnam

Year 12 (Equivalent)

- Average GPA of 8.0 in the National High School Exam; or
- Average GPA of 8.0 in Year 10, 11 and 12 report book

Grade 11 (Equivalent)

- Average GPA of 8.0 from Year 11 report book

Grade 10 (Equivalent)

- Average GPA of 8.0 from Year 10 report book

Grade 9 (Equivalent)

- Average GPA of 8.0 from Year 9 report book

Value

- Covers only 50% of the programme fees (exclusive of GST) for the Kaplan Diploma in Professional Business English, Kaplan Foundation Diploma, and the full-time Kaplan Diploma programmes.
- The scholarship awardee will need to bear all other fees and expenses such as their daily expenses, application fees, international student management fees, books as well as supplementary examination fees or re-module/revision fees for supplementary examinations, should the subject require these to pass the Kaplan Diploma in Professional Business English, Kaplan Foundation Diploma, or the Kaplan Diploma programme.

Schedule of Payment, Duration and Other Conditions

- The remaining 50% of the programme fee is payable for the Kaplan Diploma in Professional Business English, Kaplan Foundation Diploma, and the full-time Kaplan Diploma programme.

- Upon completion of the Kaplan Diploma in Professional Business English, and/or Kaplan Foundation Diploma, and/or Diploma programmes, the awardee must continue to pursue their Bachelor's Degree programme with one of the KHEA university partners. The tuition fee must be paid in accordance with the year of enrolment. Should the awardee decide against pursuing their Bachelor's Degree at Kaplan, he/she will have to make full payment of the programme fees for the Diploma in Professional Business English, and/or Kaplan Foundation Diploma, and/or Diploma programme previously completed at Kaplan within a month from receipt of the relevant programme's final exam result. No transfer or refund is allowed for any reason during the course of the Bachelor's Degree programme, save under the conditions stated in the Student Contract. Otherwise, the awardee will have to make full payment of the programme fees for the Diploma in Professional Business English, and/or Kaplan Foundation Diploma, and/or Diploma programme previously completed at Kaplan within a month.
- During the awardee's duration of studies with Kaplan, he/she must achieve a student attendance rate of more than 90%. Should the awardee fail to do so, Kaplan reserves the right to cancel the scholarship with immediate effect and/or seek full payment of the programme fees for the Kaplan Diploma in Professional Business English, and/or Kaplan Foundation Diploma, and/or Diploma programme that the awardee is currently pursuing.
- All international students must adhere to the standard application procedures for enrolment with KHEA. This process includes awaiting the letter of offer issued by KHEA as well as the Student's Pass issued by the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) of Singapore. Awardees must meet the requirements set by both KHEA and ICA.
- During each stage of the programme, Kaplan staff will assist in guiding the scholarship awardee to prepare application documents needed to complete the Student's Pass application. Should the Student's Pass application be rejected by ICA for any particular reason, the scholarship will be cancelled accordingly.
- The awardee will not be allowed to transfer or drop out of school during their Kaplan Diploma in Professional Business English, Kaplan Foundation Diploma, and Diploma programme duration. Otherwise, the scholarship will be cancelled with immediate effect and the awardee will have to make full payment of the programme fees for the Diploma in Professional Business English, and/or Kaplan Foundation Diploma, and/or Diploma programme within a month from receipt of the relevant programme's final exam result.
- In the event the awardee does not continue with the Bachelor's Degree programme at Kaplan; transfers or drops out of school during the Kaplan Diploma in Professional Business English, Kaplan Foundation Diploma, and Diploma programme, the awardee's academic certificates and transcripts will be withheld till such time he/she has made full payment of the Diploma in

Professional Business English, and/or Kaplan Foundation Diploma and/or Diploma programme.

- Kaplan reserves the right to withdraw and/or revoke the scholarship if the student breaches or is subsequently found to have breached any applicable law, does not exemplify conduct or performance (whether academic or others) of a deserving student and/or any disciplinary action is taken against the student.

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