



American International School of Lusaka

Every student thrives

Dear Applicant and Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for your interest in attending the American International School of Lusaka (AISL) as a Merit Scholar. The scholarship is open to Zambian children, born between 1 August 2008 and 31 July 2009.

The Scholarship Selection Committee is looking for children with academic promise and a positive approach to their learning, and who are committed to social and civic development.

There is one scholarship available for the 2023-2024 school year, and in addition to the qualities and character of the applicant, the Selection Committee needs to establish that the family cannot afford to send their child to AISL without financial support. For this reason, this application form includes questions related to family finances. All information that you provide on this application will be held in strictest confidence.

For clarification, further information about the scholarship and application process, or to book a tour of the school, please contact the Scholarship Selection Committee at scholarship@aislusaka.org or phone 0973 937 629.

Explore the school's website: www.aislusaka.org to learn more about the academics, co-curricular activities, community and service, university admittance, school facilities, and so much more.

Regards,

The American International School of Lusaka Merit Scholar Selection Committee

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Checklist

The documents listed below should be submitted along with the completed application form no later than Friday 21st April, 2023. You may submit via email to scholarship@aislusaka.org or deliver by hand as hard copy documents to the Merit Scholars Selection Committee, American International School of Lusaka, Admissions Office, Leopards Hill Road, Lusaka.

If you are unable to submit or deliver any of these documents, please provide a letter of explanation.

- Completed Application Form

- Copy of the child's birth record or affidavit

- Copy of the child's most recent school report

- Child's answers to the Writing and Mathematics assignments

- Child's JSS Examination Results or equivalent (if taken)

- Completed Community Member Recommendation Form



American International School of Lusaka
MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME
Application Form

PERSONAL / FAMILY INFORMATION

1. Child's Name:

a. Family/Last Name:

b. Given/First name:

Child's Date of Birth (Day, Month, Year):

Child's Gender: Male _____ Female _____

2. Current school that the child attends:

a. Name of Current School:

b. Location of School: City:

c. Town/Suburb of Current School:

d. Name of Head Teacher

3. Is the child currently boarding at a boarding school? YES / NO

4. Address where the child lives (when not at school):

5. Child's Email Address:

6. Child's Internet Access:

- a. Where does the child access the Internet?
- b. How often is the child typically able to access the Internet?

7. Please list below the social media sites that the child uses and their user PROFILE name

8. Phone Capability:

- a. Does the child own a cell phone? YES / NO
- b. If so, which model?
- c. Phone number (if applicable):

9. Kindly provide one or more telephone numbers and email addresses where we may reach the child's family below. In each instance, identify whose contact information it is.

Contact Name	Relationship to the child	Phone Number	Email Address

10. Does the child have any disability or long-term medical condition that may affect their studies? If yes, please give details. (AISL does not discriminate against students with disabilities.)

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND AND ACTIVITIES

11. List all the schools that the child has attended, school location (including city/country) and the grade levels completed, and the reason they left that school, if applicable.

School	City/Country	Grade-levels completed	Reason for leaving

12. Which school is the child attending or hoping to attend, in Grade 10?

13. List all clubs, sports, and activities that the child has participated in at their secondary school(s) and in their community and/or religious organisation. List approximately how many hours per week they have been involved in each. *Attach an extra sheet if required.*

Activity/Year	Description	Hours involved each week

14. Select one of the above activities that was most meaningful to you, the child, and explain

why.

15. List any leadership positions the child has held at school and note in which grade and year they held that position (e.g., prefect, head girl/boy, president/secretary of a club, sports/STEM team captain, etc.).

Leadership Position	Description	Grade and Year

16. List any academic prizes or other honours the child has received.

Academic Prize	Description	Grade and Year
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17. Parents' Education and Employment

Parent Name	Occupation (please be specific, even if self-employed)	Employer/ Workplace	Highest Level of Education	Estimated Total Yearly Wages in Kwacha
Mother				
Father				

18. Parents' Marital Status: Married / Civil Partnership / Separated / Divorced / Deceased

19. If parents are deceased, please state the name, relationship to the child, and occupation, workplace and yearly wages of the child's legal guardian(s)

Legal Guardian Name	Relationship to You	Occupation	Workplace	Estimated Total Yearly Wages in

				Kwacha

20. List any other sources of household income such as livestock (what kind and how many), rental income, income earned by the child or siblings (be specific), transfer of income from outside the household, etc. Add an additional sheet if necessary.

Income Source	Description	Estimated Total Yearly Income in Kwacha
Source 1:		
Source 2:		
Source 3:		

21. List the names of the child's direct siblings, their ages, sex, and whether or not they are in school. If they are in school, also provide the name of the school, grade in school, the cost of their school fees, and how much of the school fees are funded by the family.

Attach additional pages if required.

Sibling	1	2	3	4	5
Name					
Age					
Sex					
Living at Home	YES / NO				
In School	YES / NO				
Grade Currently or Highest Completed					
School Name					
Yearly Cost of School Fees					
Family's Financial Contribution to Educational Costs					
Currently Employed?	YES / NO				
Employer					
Total Yearly Wages in Kwacha					

22. List the other dependent people currently living in the child's house and supported by the child's family, and their relationship to the child (other than immediate family as listed in question 21).

Attach additional pages if required.

Name	Relationship	Age

23. School Fee Information:

- a. Amount of the child's current yearly school fees in Kwacha (including all top-up fees and levies and boarding fees).

- b. Who currently pays for the child's school fees?

- c. Is the child on any school bursary or scholarship? YES / NO

- d. If so, how much does the bursary cover per year? Kwacha

- e. Please circle all the expenses that the bursary/scholarship covers:
tuition accommodation food school supplies uniform other

- f. Is someone other than the parent or guardian paying for the child's school fees?

- g. Has the child or siblings ever missed a significant part of a school term because of finances? YES / NO

- h. If yes, please explain below:

24. Has the child ever travelled outside of Zambia? YES / NO

If so, please indicate **when** this was, **where** the child travelled and the **duration** and **purpose** of the trip.

Destination	When	Duration	Purpose

25. Housing Information

- a. Does the child's family own their own home? YES / NO
- b. How much is the monthly rent or mortgage for the home? Kwacha
- c. Describe the house in which the child lives, including number and type of rooms, location (e.g., where in the city, suburbs, etc.), electricity and water supply, and types of appliances and amenities.

26. Which of the following does the child's family own?

- a. Refrigerator: YES / NO
- b. Television: YES / NO
- c. Computer: YES / NO If yes, which year/model: _____

27. Does the child's family own a car? YES / NO

28. If yes, list the year, make (e.g., Honda, Toyota) and model (E.g., Civic, Corolla) of each car.

Year of Manufacture	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model

29. List any type of livestock or poultry the family owns, and approximately how many of each.

30. What else should we know about your background, family, or financial status?

SIGNATURE PAGE

I certify that all of the answers I have given in this application are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and, if admitted, I agree as the child and the parent/guardian to observe all the rules and regulations of the American International School of Lusaka. Failure to do so can result in disciplinary action. I agree that all documents submitted as part of this application are authentic and that any falsification of admission and/or academic records through omission or mis-statement in this application may result in cancellation of the application or cancellation of admission to the American International School of Lusaka. Further, I understand that this information and my records may be used for evaluation and other programme purposes. All information will be kept in strict confidence and will not be released in any way that would permit individual identification.

Parent/Guardian: please copy the statement that appears below in your own handwriting.

*I authorize the release and use of this information, as described above,
to the American International School of Lusaka.*

Copy the statement here

How did you find out about the AISL Merit Scholarship Programme?

Child's Full Name: _____

Child's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Full Name:

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

AISL Merit Scholarship Writing Assignment for the Child

Assignment: Think about a time when you have been a role-model in your school or community.

Write a 1-2 page essay according to the following format:

Introduction-

Describe an issue that you have been involved with during which you were a role-model.

Main Body of Essay-

Describe why this is an important issue for you.

Tell us what role you played and how you addressed this issue and influenced others.

Conclusion-

Identify the strengths and weaknesses of your actions related to this issue.

Describe anything that you would do differently if you faced a similar issue again.

AISL Merit Scholarship Mathematics Assignment for the Child

The goal of this task is to assess your presentation skills, your communication skills, your problem-solving skills, your analytical and deductive reasoning skills, your research skills, and your ability to apply what you have learned so far in your maths classes to a real-life context.

Assignment: How Many Breaths?

Considering the average lifespan of an urban Zambian person, and considering your own lifestyle, estimate the amount of breaths you will take during your lifetime.

Include in your calculations variations due to sleep, time of higher physical activities, age, etc.

- Your presentation should be visually attractive, hand-written, made on A4 pages. 2 pages maximum.
- It should include an introduction where you present the problem and explicitly state all the assumptions made in your calculations.
- It should include a conclusion where you indicate the possible sources of inaccuracies in your answers.
- You are encouraged to make small experiments with yourself and within your community to measure how many breaths you take per minute, hour, etc. You are welcome to approach experts to gain insight into life expectancy, and other issues raised by this project.
- This project has to be your own personal work. You should reference the sources of your work where appropriate (interview with doctors, teachers, family members, articles or books read, etc.)

CONFIDENTIAL Community Member Recommendation Form

Deadline for Submission Wednesday 19th April, 2023, emailed to scholarship@aislusaka.org

To Parent/Guardian: This form is to be completed by a community member of good standing and sent **directly** to the American International School of Lusaka.

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To Recommender: Please could you fill out this form to the best of your knowledge about the child. If your answers cannot be expressed on this form, please feel free to annotate your answers with commentary. It will be used to evaluate the child as a candidate for the American International School of Lusaka's Merit Scholarship.

It must then be either emailed directly to the school scholarship@aislusaka.org, or placed in a sealed envelope and given to the child/family no later than Wednesday 19th April, 2023.

Many thanks for your assistance.

Name of child: _____

Name of current school: _____

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Name of Community Member Recommender completing this form:

Your Position (e.g., church leader; family employer, etc.):

Your email address:

How long have you known the child?

Please comment on the following for the applicant:

1. Child's contributions to their community.

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2. Child's character:

3. Child's family financial situation.

4. Do you consider that this child would benefit from receiving a fully-funded educational scholarship?

If so, please state why.

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RECOMMENDATION

I recommend this child for admission to the American International School of Lusaka, and as a recipient of the Merit Scholarship:

	Enthusiastically	Strongly	Fairly Strongly	With Reservation	Not Recommended
For Personal Promise					
Overall Recommendation					

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for your time in completing this recommendation.

This information is important to us and will be treated as confidential.

Please email the completed form to: scholarship@aislusaka.org or place it in a sealed envelope and give it to the child/family no later than Wednesday 19th April, 2023.