

## UNITED WORLD COLLEGE APPLICATION FORM 2020 ENTRY

Thank you for your interest in UWC!

UWC schools, colleges and programmes deliver a challenging and transformative education experience to a diverse cross section of students, inspiring them to create a more peaceful and sustainable future. UWC has 18 schools and colleges across 5 continents all with distinctive characters but sharing the same mission, ethos and values.

Although strong academic achievement is valued highly at UWC, academic achievements are put into perspective with a demanding mix of community engagement, international affairs, physical activities and creative pursuits.

Our student intake is deliberately diverse and each of the colleges draws together students from many different nations and backgrounds. Our bursaries, scholarships, and fee structures aim to ensure a broad socio-economic mix within the student body that adds value to the student experience and the organization.

UWC depends on the dedication and expertise of a network of volunteers to promote UWC and select future students. These are called national committees and they operate in more than 145 countries worldwide.

Each year the Somali national committee will receive from the UWC schools and colleges a specific number of places (which may include a scholarship, bursary/partial scholarship or fee-paying place) for which they select students to study the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma. If a national committee exists in your country you must apply through that committee.

Please make sure you find out as much as possible about UWC before going ahead with your application. It is important that you understand the aims of the organization and the commitment involved in the programmes that are offered. For more information please go to [www.uwc.org](http://www.uwc.org).

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**To be eligible to apply you must meet the following criteria:**

- You must be between 16 to 18 years old when starting school in September 2020
- Have Somali residency and Somali citizenship
- Have an academic record which predicts success in the academic rigors of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma
- Have a strong history of co-curricular involvement and community service; and be mature enough to respond to the challenges inherent in living and studying abroad

### **Application Information**

NOTE: Frequently students applying for UWC, mistake the UWC program for a university program. The UWC program is a two-year 'high school' program based on the International Baccalaureate program and does NOT lead to a university degree. Students, who complete this program successfully, will graduate with an I.B. diploma.

### **Selection Process.**

Places in UWC are offered on a competitive basis. This application is carefully reviewed. From the initial applicants, a shortlist is chosen for a short exam. Afterwards successful students will take part of a final interview. Please contact us at [info@somalia.uwc.org](mailto:info@somalia.uwc.org), if you have any further questions on the selection process.

### **Important Information**

The Somali National Committee does NOT guarantee that applicants will receive full financial assistance to fund their study at UWC. Students who are awarded a full or partial scholarship should note that most offers do NOT cover airfare, pocket money, medical insurance, visa fees and travel and accommodation during short holidays!

### **Ogeysiis**

Guddiga qaranka ee UWC Soomaaliya, wuxuu idin ogeysiinaya in ardayda heshay deeqwaxbarasho ee UWC, ay iska bixi doonaan qarashyada qaarkood sida qarashka visaha, tikidhyada, lacagta jeebgashiga iyo qarashka caafimaadka. Intaas ardayga ayaa ka masuul ah.

The closing date for applications is: **Monday, 3 February 2020 at 23:59.**

**EMAIL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO [INFO@SOMALIA.UWC.ORG](mailto:INFO@SOMALIA.UWC.ORG)**

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## Section 1: Applicant Information

First Name: .....

Last Name:.....

Middle Name:.....

Gender:  Female  Male

Date of Birth: mm/dd/yyyy

Country of Birth: .....

Do you have a valid passport?  Yes  No

Email Address:.....

Home Phone:.....

Mobile Phone:.....

Home address:.....

Country of Residence: .....

Have you previously applied to UWC?  Yes  No

How did you hear about UWC?

- UWC Website
- Social Media (Facebook)
- School
- Friends/Relatives

Other, please explain how:

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## Section 2: Parent/Guardian Information

### Parent 1 Information

Full Name:.....

Relationship to applicant:.....

Nationality: .....

Home Address: .....

Phone number: .....

Email: .....

### Parent 2 Information

Full Name:.....

Relationship to applicant:.....

Nationality: .....

Home Address: .....

Phone Number:.....

Email:.....

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## Section 3: School Information

Name of current school:.....

Address of current school: .....

Telephone of school:.....

Email of school:.....

Name of principal of school:.....

List the subjects that you currently study as well as your most recent grades:

Subjects	Grades

**Note:** You must *also* attach a signed and stamped copy of your academic transcript of the last two years of high school to this application form. Without your official grades, the application will be **disqualified**.

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## Section 4: Recommendation Letter

Note: This should be a signed or stamped letter written by your teacher

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are thankful for your recommendation of the candidate applying to the UWC program. Your information and stories about the candidate are valuable inputs that will allow us to evaluate the candidate more carefully and holistically.

It is our hope that your recommendation letter will be more “personalized”. A helpful letter typically lets us know the candidate’s ambition, dreams, personalities, and other important personal characteristics that you have observed through personal interaction with the candidate.

A helpful letter to the selection committee and the candidate should address a few of the following questions:

- What is your relationship with the candidate? Do you know the candidate well?
- Is the candidate mature? If so, through which specific actions by him/her
- have you evaluated this maturity?
- Are there specific actions or personalities of the candidate that make him/her a good fit for UWC?
- Have you ever witnessed the candidate failing? How does he/she cope
- with failure and/or other types of stress?
- What is the most memorable thing about this candidate to you?

We would greatly appreciate any specific story or action done by the candidate reflected in your letter. The aforementioned list of questions is most likely not exhaustive. Please add any other information and dimension of the candidate’s character that you think will help the evaluation process.

Name of Recommender:	
Position in School:	
Telephone Number:	
Email:	
Date:	

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## Section 5: Applicant Credentials

**What would you like to do in the future? Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?** (minimum 100 words)

**What community work are you involved in outside of your school? Describe how these activities help and serve your environment?** (minimum 100 words)

**What is your proudest achievement?** (minimum 100 words)

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## Section 5: Applicant Credentials

**Why are you applying to UWC? What can you contribute to UWC and what would you hope to gain from the experience? (minimum 150-300 words)**



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### CHECKLIST

Ensure you have completed all tasks before mailing your application. An incomplete application will be **disqualified**.

- I have completed **all** questions on section 1, 2, 3 and 5.
- I have asked my teacher or principal to write a recommendation letter for me (section 4)
- The recommendation letter includes a stamp of the school, date and signature of the teacher.
- I have attached a signed and stamped copy of my academic report/transcripts of the last two years, to this application or within the e-mail.

**The completed application must be sent to [info@somalia.uwc.org](mailto:info@somalia.uwc.org) and must be received no later than: Monday, 3 February 2020**

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**Thank you for taking the time to complete this form, we wish you the best of luck in the 2020 UWC selection process!**