

2025 UNITED WORLD COLLEGES ESWATINI APPLICATION INFORMATION

The United World Colleges Eswatini National Committee (UWC Eswatini NC) was founded in 1982 and is a volunteer-based organisation responsible for the recruitment and selection of Swazi students who want to attend a United World College. Shortlisted students are placed in one of the 18 UWC schools around the world, with at least one student each year enrolling at Waterford Kamhlaba UWCSA in Eswatini

ABOUT UNITED WORLD COLLEGES (UWC)

United World Colleges (UWC) is a global movement that makes education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future. UWC has a network of 18 international schools on four continents, with volunteer-run national committees in more than 155 countries and territories. Today, 11,262 students from over 160 countries attend UWC schools.

UWC offers a challenging educational experience to a deliberately diverse group of students. It complements the high academic standards delivered through the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) by placing a high value on experiential learning, community service and outdoor activities.

2025/2025 UWC OFFERS FOR ESWATINI

Each year, the UWC Eswatini national committee receives offers of entry from the UWC schools and colleges which includes financial aid, for which we select students to study the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma. For 2025/2026, there are 9 offers that have up to fully-funded need based financial aid, and 1 partial-funded offer available.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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 organisation and the commitment involved in the programmes that are offered. For more information please go to www.sz.uwc.org. The deadline to apply is 22 February 2025. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Application Timeline:

1 December 2024	-	Application period opens
22 February 2025	-	Application closes
22 February 2025	-	All applicants write entry test at Waterford Kamhlaba UWCSA
March 2025	-	Successful candidates will be invited for selection day interviews
March 2025	-	Final candidates nominated to UWC schools
April 2025	-	UWC Schools confirm/reject nominated students
May 2025	-	Final students awarded UWC admission and financial aid

All applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be an Eswatini citizen OR have Eswatini residency OR refugee status in Eswatini
- Must be a Form 5 / IGCSE graduate (2024) or current Form 5 student (2025)

- Maximum age of 19 years by 1 August 2025
- Academic requirement: average of minimum 70% overall in EGCSE / IGCSE results or national merit scholar (top 100 performers)
- Highly active in community engagement, great leadership skills, and extracurricular activities
- Has a good command of the English Language

Applicants are also required to attach the following supporting documents:

- National ID or birth certificate
- Form 3 JC results and Form 5 / IGCSE results
- Form 4 and Form 5 reports
- Recommendation letter from your head teacher
- Recommendation letter for extracurricular activities
- Proof of academic and non-academic achievements and leadership (certificates, awards, etc.)

As a reminder, these are the core UWC selection criteria:

Intellectual curiosity: You love learning about the world around you - both inside and outside the classroom. You have at least one academic area that you are passionate about, and would like to explore further. You are able to recognise global and local issues, and analyse them critically.

Active commitment to your own values and those of UWC: You share UWC's values and show a commitment to follow UWC's code of conduct. You have humility and the ability to listen to, and value, other people's opinions. You appreciate that although others may have different points of view, they may also be right. You promote UWC's values in your daily life, and act as a global citizen of the world.

Social competence: You interact respectfully with others, understanding and appreciating their viewpoints and perspectives, and you are able to work within a team to find solutions to problems. You know how to express yourself appropriately in different situations and to different people.

Resilience, self-awareness and independence: You can look after yourself physically and emotionally during challenging situations, for example in a boarding school environment. You have developed good coping strategies, and you are not easily overwhelmed. You also know when to ask for help for yourself, and for others.

Personal responsibility and integrity: You can express and examine your own values, and you are ready to contrast and reflect on them in comparison to the values of others. The way you behave within your family and community reflects your values and beliefs. You can communicate your own needs and are mindful of those of others, demonstrating a sense of communal responsibility.

Academic robustness: You have the potential to meet the rigorous demands of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme or the International Baccalaureate Career-related programme.

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