

# UWC Scholarship Application Package

## Academic Year 2026-2028



### **UWC Mission**

UWC makes education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future

### **UWC Values**

International and intercultural understanding | The celebration of difference  
Personal responsibility and integrity | Mutual responsibility and respect  
Compassion and service | Respect for the environment  
A sense of idealism | Personal challenge | Action and personal example

## Welcome to the UWC Maldives Application Process!

### 1. About United World Colleges (UWC):

UWC was founded in 1962 with the vision of bringing together young people, whose experience was of the political conflict of the cold war era, offering an educational experience based on shared learning, collaboration and understanding where students would act as champions of peace. More than fifty years from its beginning, the organization remains committed to taking its mission of making education a uniting force further by expanding its reach to embrace the tensions and conflicts that exist within as well as between societies

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.



All UWC schools are co-educational, residential educational facilities and follow the same curriculum leading up to the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma, which is a worldwide recognized upper secondary school curriculum equivalent to the GCSE A levels. 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.

UWC's student intake is deliberately diverse and each of the schools and 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 organisation.

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. The UWC National Committee for the Maldives is located in Male', Maldives, and is run by alumni from Maldives with the support of Alifulhu Thuthu Foundation. More information regarding UWC Maldives National Committee can be found at [mv.uwc.org](http://mv.uwc.org)

Each year the national committee receives 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.

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.uwc.org](http://www.uwc.org).  
The UWC selection process in ***the Maldives UWC National Committee***

## **2. Eligibility criteria:**

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

- *Must be a Maldivian citizen*
- *Must be between the ages of 15-17 on August 01, 2026*
- *For applicants currently in grade 10: must have acquired an overall final grade of "C" (or number grade equivalent) or above in all subjects (O'Level track), in Grades 8 and 9, and the first term of Grade 10*
- *For applicants who have graduated from grade 10: must have acquired an overall final grade of "C" or above in all subjects (O'level track) in Grades 8, 9, 10, as well as in O'Level examinations.*
- *Must be prepared for a two-year absence from home and be fully committed to the ideals of the United World Colleges*

**Note:** We welcome all students that meet the above criteria to submit an application. Students with physical, learning and/or mental disabilities are encouraged to apply.

## **FORM B**

Full name of the applicant:

**TO THE TEACHER:** This student is making an application to the United World Colleges (UWC). United World Colleges are two-year, pre-university residential colleges dedicated to international understanding. Each United World College is a community of students and faculty representing many countries and each offers a program of rigorous academic, community service, outdoor activities and global issues. The United World Colleges are co-educational and draw students from throughout the world.

United World Colleges offer the International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma program, a worldwide recognized upper secondary school curriculum equivalent to the GCSE A levels.

We appreciate your professional and candid judgment of this student's suitability for selections as a Maldivian candidate to attend a United World College.

It is imperative that the information you provide is treated in a strictly confidential manner. Upon completion of this form, please email it directly to us at [selections@mv.uwc.org](mailto:selections@mv.uwc.org) before the application deadline of December 15, 2025.

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Teaching area and relation to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide an honest evaluation of the student under the following criteria. **Provide justification for your evaluation, backed by specific examples you can recall**

**Intellectual Curiosity:** Does the student demonstrate a genuine urge to learn about the world around them, to critically think about any given issue, and the ability to analyze the details of any topic at hand?

**Responsibility, integrity and personal challenge:** Does the student demonstrate the ability to look after oneself physically and emotionally in diverse and demanding situations, and is able to maintain integrity while dealing with difficult situations?

**Active Commitment:** Does the student demonstrate willingness to reflect, question and confront their own values, maturity, leadership and teamwork skills?

**Social Competence:** Have the desire to interact respectfully with others, the ability to express oneself adequately among diverse opinions and people.

**Strengths:** What specific strengths do you think make the candidate suitable for a UWC? How can a diverse community such as UWC benefit from the candidate?

**Areas of improvement:** Where lies the opportunity of growth for this candidate? What are the specific areas where the candidate can work on to improve further?

**Other comments:** Is there anything else about the candidate that we must know?

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