



British Section Scholarship Fund

Frequently Asked Questions

Below are some questions and answers to help explain what the British Section Scholarship Fund is and how it works.

Please refer to the British Section Scholarship Fund Policy for more details on the topics covered below.

1. What is the British Section Scholarship Fund?

It is a fund which has been created to raise money for deserving and motivated students, who demonstrate the aptitude to follow the unique British Section programme but lack the financial resources.

2. Why is the British Section Scholarship Fund so important?

Currently, the British Section does not have a scholarship scheme to help assist students who meet the educational standards but cannot afford the British Section fees. Initially, the British Section Scholarship Fund will be used to pay for a limited number of students at Lycée level (to ensure funds cover a full educational cycle), who will be selected by a dedicated committee.

The British Section has recently received governmental accreditation as an *organisme d'intérêt général* enabling it to raise funds from tax-deductible donations, which has opened the way to fundraising for such a Fund.

3. What will donations support? What costs will they cover?

Donations will be paid into the British Section Scholarship Fund. As and when enough funds have been raised, donations will be used to cover the full or partial cost of the annual fees (as well as admission and registration fees) for one or more eligible pupils to attend the British Section of the Lycée International.

4. How is the Scholarship Fund different from other British Section financial collections / fundraising initiatives?

All donations made to the Scholarship Fund will be used to pay for the annual fees of selected students, who would not otherwise be able to attend the British Section. Donations to the Scholarship Fund are subject to tax deduction.

The Scholarship Fund is different from the Bursary fund, which is a small assistance fund aimed at providing short term help to parents who have been in

the British Section for three years, and who find themselves temporarily unable to meet British Section annual fees. The Bursary is managed entirely separately from the British Section Scholarship Fund.

The Scholarship Fund is also managed independently from funds collected through other British Section fundraising projects and events, which are dedicated to specific educational projects.

5. How much should be donated to the Scholarship Fund?

No donation amount is too small. All donations will be greatly appreciated as the more funds are raised, the more of a difference the British Section Scholarship Fund can make to the wider community.

6. How are donations made to the Scholarship Fund?

There are two ways. All donors should complete the online printable donation form. They can then choose to:

- either send a cheque for the amount they wish to donate, payable to "The British Section Scholarship Fund" and send it to: The Scholarship Fund, British Section, Lycée International, rue du Fer à Cheval, B.P. 5230, 78175 Saint Germain-en-Laye Cedex, France;

- or send donations by bank transfer to the following bank account: The British Section Scholarship Fund IBAN: FR763000 4028 3700 0110 0464 694 BIC: BNPAFRPPXXX

7. Can regular monthly payments be made instead of single donations?

Yes, there is an option to set up regular monthly transfers automatically from a bank account to the Scholarship Fund bank account. The same conditions apply, and the tax receipts will be given to donors so that they can claim the relevant French tax deductions.

8. Will the Scholarship Fund publicise names and donation amounts?

Donors' names and donations may be published on the website and/or in the British Section Insites magazine. If donors wish for their names and/or donation amounts to be kept confidential, this should be specified by ticking the appropriate box in the reply Scholarship donation form.

9. What are the criteria for selecting students for a British Section Scholarship Fund award?

A student must have first satisfied the British Section entrance requirements and have been offered a place before a British Section Scholarship Fund award can be made. The criteria for selecting students will be based on the financial resources of their families. If there are insufficient funds available for all eligible candidates, academic merit, as assessed during the British Section admissions process, will also be considered by the Scholarship Fund Committee.

10. How do parents apply to receive a Scholarship Fund award?

The prospective pupils must first apply to the British Section in accordance with the process and timelines contained in the British Section Admissions Policy. If the pupil, after academic assessment, meets the educational entry requirement,

then the parents can indicate their need to apply for the Scholarship Fund by ticking the appropriate box in the British Section acceptance form. The Scholarship Fund Committee will review each request individually and make its decision.

11. How many Scholarship Fund awards are available every year?

The number of Scholarships Fund grants which the Scholarship Fund Committee will be able to give out every year will be very much dependent on the amount of funds secured. The Scholarship Fund Committee cannot guarantee that it will be able to meet every request for support and it reserves the right not to offer any funding places in any particular year.

12. What are the financial criteria in applying for a Scholarship Fund?

The goal of the Scholarship Fund is to help students who would not otherwise be able to attend the British Section, and only those families with low annual incomes and little or no other financing (such as savings, capital investment, for example) will be eligible. An indicative level of income which would be required for the Scholarship Fund Committee to consider an application is a tax reference amount of less than €9,710 per fiscal head ("*part fiscale*") (equating, in other words, to a net income of approximately €32,000 for a couple with two children).

13. What are the tax advantages of donating to the Scholarship Fund?

The British Section is subject to the French law on associations dated 1st July 1901 and has received governmental accreditation as an *organisme d'intérêt général*. Donations from individuals are deductible at 66% up to 20% of taxable income (Art 200 du CGI). All donations will be acknowledged with a tax receipt.

14. Will donors be awarded any advantages or be able to influence decisions?

No, the Scholarship Fund Committee will work in complete independence to on-going fundraising efforts and donor relations. In no circumstances will donors be allowed to influence the choice of pupil(s) selected for the Scholarship Fund. No special benefits or privileges (besides tax deductions and public acknowledgment of gifts on donor lists if agreed) will be given to donors, regardless of donation amounts.

15. What if there are insufficient funds or applications for the year?

All scholarships are subject to availability of funds. The Scholarship Fund Committee cannot guarantee that it will be able to support every deserving request for support.

16. For how long can a Scholarship Fund award be granted?

The Scholarship Fund seeks to enable scholarship recipients to fully avail themselves of the British Section's unique education until graduation. The Scholarship Fund Committee will earmark or reserve in priority the funds available to be used first to continue to pay for the education of existing pupils, before enabling new families to apply to receive the British Section Scholarship Fund awards.

Please contact the British Section Scholarship Fund Committee with any other questions (fin@britishsection.fr)