



Application Kit & Application Form



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Introduction

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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 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.

Each year a 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.

While UWC is a wonderful transformational experience it is also a very rigorous programme. It will challenge students in all ways - socially, emotionally, physically and academically. If students have mental health concerns and issues that have not been addressed in a way that supports their resilience and ability to handle the rigours of daily life at UWC, we strongly recommend that students postpone their application in order to address these issues with the proper support personnel. The student and their family, along with other relevant personnel, can then reassess whether they should apply for UWC the following year.

Applicants, please make sure that 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 jm.uwc.org

Please read this entire document prior to beginning your application.

The UWC national committee in Jamaica

Eligibility

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

- Jamaican national or resident.
 - If you are unsure whether you meet the nationality requirement, or have lived in Jamaica for less than five years, please email us ASAP at uwcjamaica@gmail.com so that we can guide you accordingly.
- Be between 16 and 18 years old in September 2020 or at time of entry
- Be at least of CXC CSEC standard, i.e. fifth, or lower sixth form;
- Have an academic record which predicts success in the academic rigours of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma; Minimum 80% average. If in lower sixth form, the majority of your CSEC grades must be a 1.
 - You must be taking (if in 5th form) or have taken (if in 6th form) at least 6 CSEC subjects or their equivalent, including Mathematics and English A.
- 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

BEFORE YOU BEGIN COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM:

- Find out all you can about UWC and the International Baccalaureate Diploma
- Read the information provided in this information package. You will find more information at www.uwc.org
- Discuss the opportunity and the application process with your family
- Read the entire Application Form



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How to Complete the Application Form

Applications are done through the online portal that can be accessed via our website at jm.uwc.org.

If you are unable to submit your application electronically you may submit an application by filling in the form below (either by typing or handwriting) and scanning and emailing the form. For any questions please email us at uwcjamaica@gmail.com

To fill in the application form:

1. Create an account at uwc.fluidreview.com
2. Ensure either your nationality or residency is Jamaica to be eligible. The committee reserves the right to ask for further proof of residency and to reject any applicant that does not meet the residency requirement. If you have any questions re your eligibility do not hesitate to email us.
3. Once you have filled in the personal information you will see all the applications you are eligible for. You are only eligible to apply to ONE national committee at a time.
4. You will then choose the UWC JAMAICA Application and click “Apply Now”



5. You will then see the various components required to complete the application.



UWC Jamaica

Application deadline: Jan 30, 2017 11:59 PM

Application Round

TASK	DEADLINE	STATUS	ACTIONS
Application Form	01/30/2017 11:59:00 PM EDT	INCOMPLETE	Start
High School Transcript	01/30/2017 11:59:00 PM EDT	INCOMPLETE	Start
UWC Jamaica Recommendation	01/23/2017 11:59:00 PM EDT	INCOMPLETE	Start
Submit your application	01/30/2017 11:59:59 PM EDT	PREREQUISITES NOT MET	



Add your Logo

Progress

This submission is 0.0% complete. You still need to:

- Complete task 'Application Form'
- Complete task 'High School Transcript'
- Complete task 'UWC Jamaica Recommendation'
- Submit
- Submit

Additional Attachments

- Add Document
- Add Audio File
- Add Video File

The Application

1. The entire application will now be done electronically.

2. Applicants are to create an online account at uwc.fluidreview.com to create their application. If you have difficulties with the online portal, you may submit your application through any of the methods listed above.
3. This application kit is to help facilitate the process and includes a copy of the application.
4. You may edit your responses up until the deadline date. We strongly recommend that you prepare your responses in a separate document before inputting into the online portal in case there is an error when submitting online. Pay attention to word limits.
5. There are several components to the application:
 - a. The Application Form
 - b. Transcripts -Transcripts must be signed and stamped by your school and uploaded in the required area. If your school does not issue transcripts directly to students the school will be able to email us the transcript directly to uwcjamaica@gmail.com
 - c. CSEC Grades- If you have completed CSEC grades please upload your CXC Certificate in the ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS area
 - d. 2 References - additional instructions are included in #6 below

All must be completed before you can submit your application.

6. **TWO** References : References are an **extremely important** part of your application. These references should be written by someone who can describe your skills, accomplishments and personality. Make sure to give your references at least one month before the deadline to complete and send your letters. ***References should know you well and be able to speak knowledgably about your specific character and activities.*** In other words, they should be able to speak specifically and personally about you and why you're awesome. ***Please think carefully about who you ask to be a reference, it is more important for you to pick someone who knows you well than it is for you to pick someone with seniority in a school or organisation.*** These references **MUST** be
 - a. A teacher /guidance counsellor /vice-principal /principal at your school AND
 - b. Someone who knows you well from in or out-of-school activities or hobbies e.g. coach, pastor, tutor, non-school or school teacher etc. who can speak about you outside of the classroom. This person should NOT be a member of your immediate family.
 - Online applicants must request their references through the online portal.
 - Paper applicants must have their references sent directly from referee to uwcjamaica@gmail.com with "Reference-Applicant Name" in the Subject heading
 - We will **not** accept more than **two** references

7. Deadline - Applications are due on **January 14, 2020**

*If you have any questions or concerns email uwcjamaica@gmail.com. As an organization run by volunteers it is easier for us to be reached by email.

Selection process

Places in UWC are offered on a competitive basis. The application is carefully reviewed by a panel of alumni and other experts. From the initial list of applicants a short list is chosen for an interview with members of the National Committee and invited panelists.

The interview is divided into 2 parts:

1. A one-on-one panel interview
2. An interactive social with all short-listed applicants

The nominees will be selected on merit based on the results of this interview and the initial application.

Selection Criteria

The committee will look for evidence of the following:

- An understanding of the UWC mission and core values
- A commitment to providing services to others
- Academic focus
- The ability to act as an ambassador, positively representing Jamaica and Jamaican culture;
- Tolerance, adaptability, and signs of integrity and strength of character; AND
- A preparedness to live away from home and an appreciation of the challenges of living in an intense and multicultural setting
- Core UWC values
- Personal responsibility and integrity
- Mutual responsibility and respect
- Compassion and service
- Respect for others and the environment



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What happens after I submit my application material?

1. Receipt of your application will be acknowledged by email. If you do not receive a confirmation email by January 17, 2020, please contact us to confirm that we have received your application. **It is your responsibility to ensure that all parts of the application have been submitted and received.**
2. The committee will contact you by **February 10, 2020** to let you know if you have been selected for an interview. If selected, you must confirm your attendance by **February 14, 2020**.
3. Interviews by a committee of UWC representatives will take place in **Kingston**. They will be divided into 2 parts. Attendance is mandatory for all shortlisted applicants.
 - a. Individual Interviews - **Saturday February 22, 2020** at a time that will be assigned (time accommodations can be requested for religious reasons)
 - b. Group Social for all shortlisted applicants - **Sunday February 23, 2020 12:00noon - 4:00pm**
 - c. Parents/Guardians Q & A Meeting - **Sunday February 23, 2020, 2:00pm - 4:00pm**
4. The selection panel will be led by representatives of UWC Jamaica and will be comprised of alumni and other invited participants who are knowledgeable about the UWC movement.
5. All shortlisted applicants and their families will be asked to fill in a financial assessment form. This form will support the placement of candidates based on financial need and ability to pay after the interviews are complete.
6. All candidates will be notified by email of the outcome of their application.

Finances

There are limited partial and fully funded scholarships based on availability from the schools. All scholarships reflect financial aid to offset the cost of tuition and will be awarded based on various criteria including demonstrated financial need.

Full scholarships cover the costs of tuition and living expenses. The scholarship does not cover the cost of travel, pocket money or costs associated with application to further studies. These are the responsibility of the student and student's family.

Estimated cost of attendance may be obtained from our website at jm.uwc.org.

Partial scholarships are awarded only if, upon selection, students demonstrate ability to pay the balance of the fees.

Scholarship opportunities for entry in 2020 (2021 for WK) are below, please note that scholarships cover tuition and living expenses only. Additional expenses such as airfare, visas, pocket money and other incidentals are not covered. These expenses can range from \$1000 USD to \$5000 USD per year. The scholarships offered this year are as follows:

- 2 x UWC Changshu China - Partial Scholarship
 - Family contribution approximately \$13000 USD per year plus airfare
- UWC ISAK Japan - Partial Scholarship
 - Family contribution approximately \$10500 USD per year plus airfare
- Li Po Chun UWC Hong Kong - Partial Scholarship
 - Family contribution approximately \$9000 USD per year plus airfare
- Red Cross Nordic UWC (Norway) - Full Needs Based Scholarship
- Robert Bosch College UWC (Germany) Full Needs Based Scholarship

Nomination Process

Successful candidates are nominated to a specific UWC college campus. The schools and colleges generally accept the nominated candidates on the recommendation of the national committee but reserve the right to make the final decision on every candidate.

An application is made to the UWC movement and not to a particular college campus. Successful applicants will be asked to rank their preference of college campus. However, the national committee will ultimately determine the campus to which students are nominated based on factors including financial need and availability of spaces.

Frequently asked questions (FAQs) on applying to UWC.

Is there an age limit for applications?

- Several of our schools and colleges have strict age restrictions since all students share the same campus.
- Age restrictions also vary from country to country. Most of our national committees require students to be between the ages of 16 and 17 when they arrive to the colleges, but some accept applications from younger and older candidates.
- In Jamaica, we will accept applicants who are 18 by the time they begin their UWC education.

I am not fluent in English, does this matter?

- No. Do not be discouraged from applying to UWC because of a lack of fluency in English. It is not a requirement to apply, but it can be one of the factors evaluated during selection.

Can you help me with a scholarship for further education (university etc)?

- UWC does not offer scholarships for university or further tertiary education.

Where does the funding for UWC come from and how are the scholarships for UWC students paid for?

- The scholarships are provided either by the colleges or by the national committees through their own localised fundraising
- Donors to UWC include philanthropists, private companies, governments and alumni.

Can I attend UWC for only one year or transfer into a UWC from another IB school for my last year?

- No. At our pre-university colleges, the UWC experience is two years long. There are no opportunities for transfer into or between the schools/colleges. Credits from previous IB study may not be transferred.

I have dual nationality. Which national committee should I apply through?

- You are only able to apply to UWC through one national committee, regardless of the numbers of nationalities you have.
- Your first point of contact should be the national committee in the country you reside in, since virtually all selection processes will require you to attend personally.
- If this national committee is unable to accept your application, please contact the committee in the other country that you hold a passport.

- If neither national committee is able to accept your application, please contact [UWC International Office](#) for more information and guidance.

I am a citizen/national of a country I no longer live in, and reside in a country I am not a citizen of. What national committee should I contact if I want to apply to UWC?

- First you should contact the national committee in the country where you live and ask if they accept applications from non-nationals.
- If the national committee tells you it is unable to consider your application because you are not a national/citizen, contact the national committee of the country where you are a national/citizen.
- If neither national committee is able to accept your application, please contact [the UWC International Office](#) for more information and guidance.
- Please ensure that you provide sufficient time to make these enquiries in order to avoid missing an application deadline.

Application Form

Personal information

Family name/

Surname/ Last name:

Legal first name(s):

Preferred Name (if
different):

Middle name (only if
noted on passport):

Legal/medical gender:

Gender Identity:

Date of birth

(dd/mm/yyyy):

Nationality:

Do you have a valid
passport?

Y/N

Country of Birth:

Country of citizenship
(on which passport
would you travel):

Email address:

Home Phone:

Cell phone:

Permanent Home

Address

Address line 1:

Address line 2:

City:

Province/ Territory/

Region:

Post code:

Country:

Home Phone:

Courier Address (to receive posted mail, if different from home address)

Address line 1: _____
Address line 2: _____
City: _____
Province/ Territory/ Region: _____
Post code: _____
Country: _____
Phone: _____

School information

Name of school: _____
Address of school: _____

Email address of school: _____

Name of Head of School: _____

Email of Head of School: _____

Name of Guidance Counsellor (if any): _____

Email of Guidance Counsellor (if any): _____

How did you hear about UWC?

- Teacher/Guidance Counsellor
- Principal
- College Counsellor
- Friend/Family
- Alumni
- Internet
- Social Media
- Other _____



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What are your favorite extra-curricular activities (in and/or outside of school)? For example, clubs, creative activities, employment, sports, volunteer projects or other hobbies. Please list up to 6 activities that you do and how you are involved.

Activity	How you are involved	Length of time involved

From the activities listed above (either in or out of school), choose an activity that you love. Explain how you feel it relates to any of the UWC ideals of peace, sustainability and international understanding. This question will help us to understand how you put the UWC ideals into practice in your own life. (100 words or less)



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Essay Questions

LONG ANSWER You MUST respond to the long answer question below in 300-500 words.

1. Why do you want to go to UWC, and how would you like to contribute to the UWC movement? (Compulsory)

SHORT ANSWERS - Choose and respond to **ONE (1) short answer question** in 200 words or less.

1. What in recent current events has interested you and why?
2. Imagine you could be bold and brave for a day, just what would you do?
3. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written or one of your own design.

Parent/Guardian 1. To be completed by the person(s) who has legal duty of care for the student

Relationship to the Student	
Family name/ Surname/ Last name:	
First name/ given name(s):	
	<u>Permanent Home Address (if different from student's)</u>
Address line 1:	
Address line 2:	
City:	
Province/ Territory:	
Post code:	
Country:	
Home Phone:	
Cell phone:	
Email:	
Occupation	
Annual Net Income	

Parent/Guardian 2. If another parent or guardian also has legal duty of care for the student (regardless of whether they reside in the same household), this **MUST** be completed by or for that parent or guardian.

Relationship to student:	
Family name/ Surname/ Last name:	
First name/ given name(s):	
	<u>Permanent Home Address (if different from student's)</u>
Address line 1:	
Address line 2:	
City:	
Province/ Territory:	
Post code:	
Country:	
Home Phone:	
Cell phone:	
Email:	
Occupation	
Annual Net Income	

To be completed by the person who has legal duty of care for the student.

Please give a brief description of any medical or mental health concerns, physical impairments, serious illnesses or allergies that the applicant may have had:

Please list any special dietary requirements that the applicant may have for medical, religious or ethical reasons:



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I/we have read and understood the information section at the beginning of this application form and the application for entry to UWC made by my son/daughter/ward; I/we have discussed all aspects of the commitment involved and this application has my full approval. Should the application be successful, I/we hereby undertake for myself/ourselves and for him/her to observe the rules, regulations and guidelines of the school/college. I/we recognise that the school/college has the right to exclude my son/daughter/ward for violations of such rules, regulations and guidelines. While my/our son/daughter/ward is in residence at a UWC school/college, I/we authorise the school/college to act 'in loco parentis' in decisions directly affecting his/her health and welfare when it is neither possible nor practical to contact me/us beforehand.

Signature(s) of the person(s) who has legal duty of care over the applicant:

Date:

References

Two references are required to complete your UWC Application. ***Please think carefully about who you ask to be a reference, it is more important for you to pick someone who knows you well than it is for you to pick someone with seniority in a school or organisation.***

1. Reference 1 - teacher/ guidance counsellor/ vice principal/ principal from the Applicant's academic institution
2. Reference 2- someone who knows you well through your in-school or out-of-school activities or hobbies and is NOT an immediate family member

Below is a template of the letter that you **MUST** send to your potential reference to help them write the best letter possible to support your application. Be sure to ask your reference to share personal and specific information about you and what makes YOU awesome and a good candidate for this programme.

Reference Request:

Thank you for agreeing to write a reference for the above student who has applied to attend a UWC school/college. The reference is one of the most crucial parts of the application as it gives a personal account of the student. Places are offered on a competitive basis. The UWC selection committee would greatly appreciate your reflections on the applicant.

Your honest and unique description of the applicant will allow us to gain further insight on the applicant. Think about specific details, such as a time the student has surprised you with their abilities, or how they overcome challenges. Please comment on the student's performance and participation, personality and character. **The more details you provide to help us to get to know this specific student and understand why they are a good candidate for UWC, the better. If you do not know this student well, please ask them to ask someone else to write the recommendation.**

ABOUT 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. Students do the 2 year International Baccalaureate degree (alternative to sixth form/equivalent of A Levels or CAPE) in an international boarding school with students from over 85 different countries.

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Sincerely,

UWC Jamaica National Committee