



## DAFI call for application 2023 – 2024

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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## Introduction

WIU and UNHCR's higher education scholarship program, best known by its acronym DAFI, plays an integral role in enabling refugees across Uganda and the world to access higher education. Since its inception in 1997, the DAFI program has grown considerably, enabling over 2,321 refugee students to study at universities and colleges from across Uganda and other parts of the world. The DAFI (Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative Fund) which is funded by the German Government has been implemented by WIU in partnership with UNHCR for over 25 years now.

For students and graduates, the DAFI program serves as a foundation for social and professional development, allowing them to build careers in competitive fields of employment. The social returns of the DAFI program exceed investment at the individual level. Highly educated refugees reduce economic and psychological dependence of the whole communities in asylum, improving their self-reliance and preparing them for durable solutions.

This academic year's applications will be submitted to the DAFI application portal for transparency and accountability. To aide your application process here are the frequently asked questions concerning the application procedure.

## I. GENERAL QUESTIONS

### 1) What is UNHCR Tertiary Refugee Scholarship Programme (DAFI)?

UNHCR Tertiary Refugee Scholarship Programme (DAFI) offers qualified refugee the possibility to earn an undergraduate degree in their country of asylum. The scholarship package covers a range of costs including tuition and study materials, food, transportation and accommodation. The DAFI scholarship programme may also



provide academic preparatory, language and information and communication technology (ICT) courses, as well as psychosocial support, depending on the needs.

DAFI Uganda covers programmes at bachelor's or equivalent level—typically designed to provide participants with intermediate academic and/or professional knowledge, skills and competencies, leading to a first degree or equivalent qualification. Traditionally offered by universities and equivalent tertiary educational institutions.

DAFI also covers short-cycle tertiary education ISCED level 5 courses—usually designed to provide participants with professional knowledge, skills and competencies, either academic or technical. This includes accredited Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) programmes of two years or more that lead to a certification or diploma.

**DAFI does NOT cover Masters studies.**

## 2) Who is eligible to apply?

Information concerning the eligibility for the scholarship award can be found on the **DAFI call for application 2023** advert, on the Windle International Uganda website; <https://windleuganda.org/scholarship-opportunities/> . One must be a **refugee fully registered** with OPM-Uganda, be **between 18 and 35 years** of age and **hold a Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (U.A.C.E)** with at least Two (2) principle passes or an **equivalent of U.A.C.E** issued by another country where the applicant studied.

## 3) I am already studying at university but with financial difficulties, can I apply for funding?

Only continuing students with more than two years of remaining study period can apply. Students in their final years of study are not encouraged to apply. Applicants



who had commenced studies but dropped out of school (with evidence of registered dead semester/year) are encouraged to apply.

## II. REQUIREMENTS

- 1) I have no admission and have not yet applied to any university due to financial hardship. Am I eligible to apply for the DAFI Scholarship?

Having an admission to a university is an added advantage but not an eligibility requirement. If you meet all the eligibility requirements as stated by the advert, you are eligible and can apply without an admission.

- 2) The U.A.C.E official result slips are not yet out. Can I apply using the school testimonial showing my results?

All applicants are encouraged to ensure having their official U.A.C.E result slips by the time of application. All documents that are not officially issued by a relevant official examining body shall not be considered.

- 3) In my country, high school goes for less than six (6) years, can I also apply for the DAFI-Uganda undergraduate scholarship programme?

For all applicants whose previous high school education is less than six years, UNEB equates their academic documents to UCE and are required to undergo a **bridging course** (Foundation programme) before being admitted to an undergraduate course. Having a **bridging course/foundation certificate** therefore will be an added advantage.

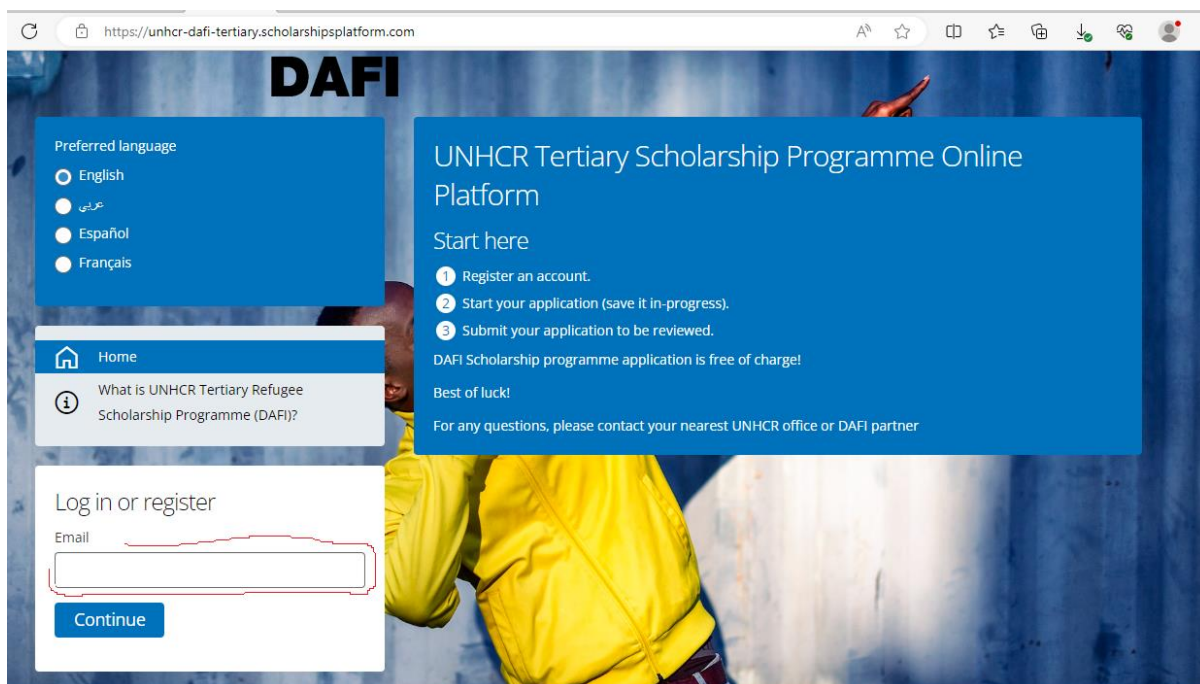
## III. APPLICATION

- 1) How do I apply?

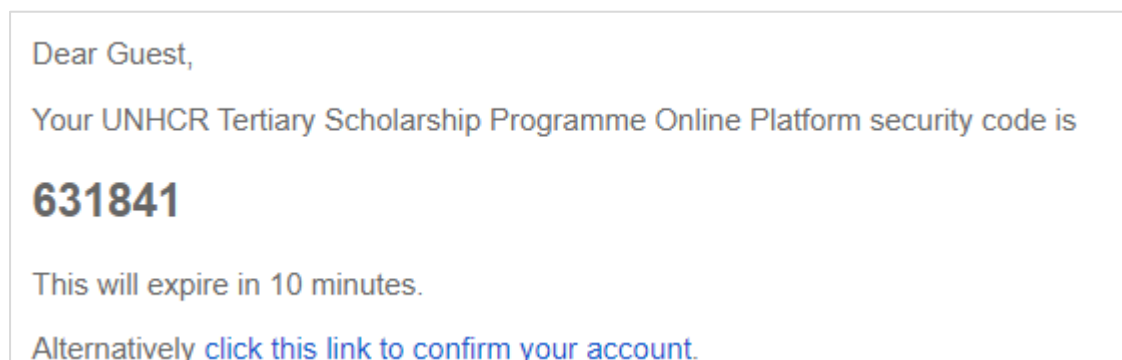
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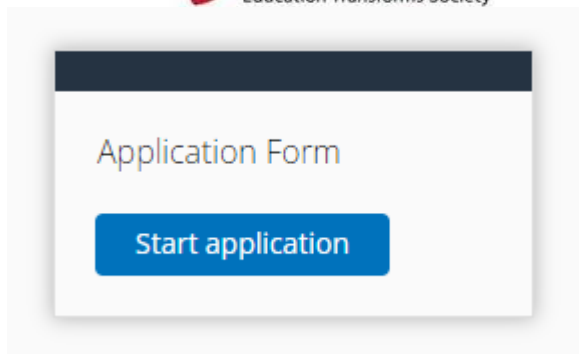
- I. Press the online application link <https://unhcr-dafi-tertiary.scholarshipsplatform.com/>
- II. On the UNHCR Tertiary Scholarship Programme Online Platform, enter your personal email and press continue to create a personal account.



- III. A Security verification code will be sent to your email.



- IV. Please check your email inbox for the notification and click the link provided to confirm your account details, complete your registration and be able to start your application process.



- V. After starting your application, please to go through all the application tabs, from **General information** to **Consent** and ensure to fill all the questions before pressing **submit**. **Note:** the application will not allow submission unless you fill all the questions without skipping any.

[My applications](#) → [Application Form](#) → [Edit application](#)

All questions must be answered, unless marked optional.



- VI. After filling all the application questions, click the consent buttons and press **submit application**.



## 2. Can I send my application in an email?

All applications must be submitted online, only via DAFI call for application 2023- 2024 <https://unhcr-dafi-tertiary.scholarshipsplatform.com/> between 17 July 2023 and 06 August 2023. Late submission will not be considered.



### 3. What documents do I need to upload as part of my DAFI application?

Applicants are required to upload;

- ❖ Refugee Attestation
- ❖ Academic documents (U.A.C.E) or an equivalent issued by the country in which the applicant studied.
- ❖ Admission, if available
- ❖ Evidence of working experience or community participation
- ❖ Any other important document e.g. Language proficiency certificates, if available

### 4. I have a mismatch between my name on the academic document and my name on my identification documents, what can I do?

Should you have a mismatch on how your name appears on the attestation and how it appears on your academic documents, kindly visit the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) and with evidence request them to change and match your name to the academic document. Any names appearing on I. Ds but not matching the academic documents will not be considered.

**Note 1:** If your name was officially changed or altered, you will be required to provide the affidavit in reference to the stated changes.


**Note 2:** If your query is regarding an issue that will not prevent you from submitting your application (e.g. a spelling error in your name, an incorrect date of birth), this may be dealt with after the application window has closed. Please ensure that you submit your application as soon as possible

### 5. Am failing to upload documents, what can I do?



To attach documents, make sure your documents are in JPG (Photo Format) or PDF. For documents with more than one page, please ensure to bind them together into a pdf. format. You can then attach your documents by simply dragging a document file to the space provided (**Drag your files here**) or **select file** to find the document from the local disc on your computer, where the document is saved.

Please upload your official/certified copy of the high school diploma.




Drag your file here  
or

Select file

6. I started my application and saved without submitting. Now I want to complete my application but the portal is indicating that the 'Maximum application reached'

Once an applicant registers an account on the application portal, he/she cannot be allowed to create another account using the same email. This is simply to avoid duplicate applications. To update your application, simply click on your name to reopen your application for editing.







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7. I would have completed my application but I am still looking for some missing documents i.e. extra academic document, updated verified attestation, volunteer/working Certificates, university admission etc., what can I do?

If you have missing/pending documents to attach your application, you are advised to submit your application. Once you get the missing document, you can log back to your application portal and update your application. Kindly ensure to make any updates before the deadline.

8. I would like to complete my application but I have not yet obtained a university admission. what can I do?

Having an admission to a university is an added advantage but not an eligibility requirement. If you meet all the required eligibility criteria as stated by the advert, you are eligible and can please go ahead and apply without an admission.

9. I have issues with my device, how can I be helped?

For an easy application process and upload of document, you are advised to use a computer. Please visit a computer center for an easy application process. e.g. Internet



cafes, UNHCR Youth Centers, Settlement Schools with computer labs, WIU/UNHCR/OPM offices etc. for technical guidance.

10. I have no application link. The application link I have seems incomplete and is not reactive, what can I do?

To access the **online application link** for the **DAFI call for application 2023**, please visit the WIU website's scholarship opportunities tab.; <https://windleuganda.org/scholarship-opportunities/>. You can also directly visit the **online application** on the **UNHCR Tertiary Scholarship Programme Online Platform**; <https://unhcr-dafi-tertiary.scholarshipsplatform.com/>

11. I filled all the questions, why is my application still 'in progress' and not fully submitted? How do I complete an application?

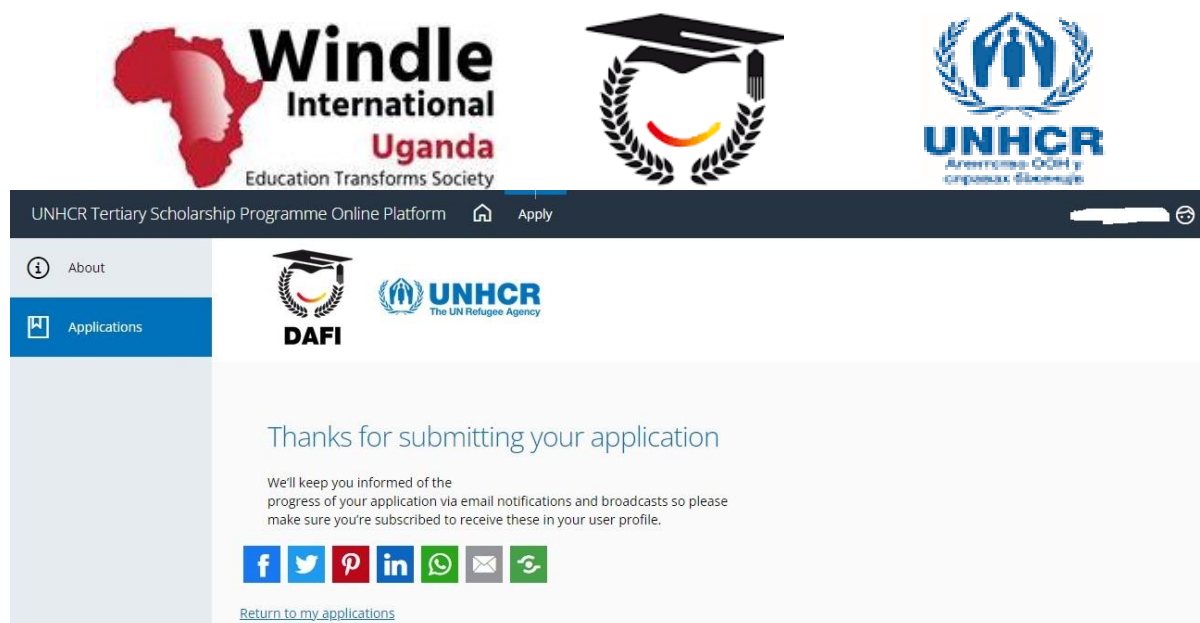
To complete an application, please ensure to fill all the question and press the '**submit application**' button.



**Note:** If there are unanswered questions, the **submit application** will not work. Instead the application portal will detect all the unanswered questions and highlight them in red. Please ensure to answer them before trying to submit again.

12. How can I tell if my application has been successfully submitted?

After successfully submitting your application, you will get a notification to your personal email confirming the submission.



Alternatively, please login to the online application portal to see if your application has been submitted.

### **13. My date of birth puts me just outside the age limit. Can I still apply?**

We regret that this is not possible. The age limit, as set by each individual selection constituency, is absolute. But we encourage you to continue applying to other scholarships at Windle International Uganda or partner agencies.

### **14. I have applied for DAFI scholarship. Can I still apply?**

You may only submit one application in a single year. However, if you are unsuccessful in your first application to the DAFI Scholarships, you may subsequently re-apply (and this must be in the same constituency), subject to meeting the eligibility criteria.

### **15. I have previously applied to other WIU scholarships and never succeeded. Can I still apply?**

You are encouraged to apply for the DAFI Scholarship especially when you qualify and fit into the eligibility criteria.

### **16. I am married and/or I have children. Can I still apply?**

Yes, provided you meet the eligibility criteria. Applicants should bear in mind, however, that the Scholarship stipend is sufficient only for one person, and that the DAFI takes no financial responsibility for the support of a Scholar's spouse or dependants.

### **17. What should I expect of the DAFI interview?**



Selection committees are made up of WIU Staff, UNHCR staff, DAFI Alumni and community leaders from diverse backgrounds. The interview is of core importance as it is here that selection committees have the opportunity to weigh up a candidate's depth of engagement, accomplishments, and aspirations. In posing their questions, committee members initiate discussion that will help them ascertain who best represents the potential we are looking for. Proven intellectual and academic attainment of a high standard is the first quality required of Scholars, but they are also required to show exceptional character, leadership in extra-curricular activities, and a commitment to service in the public good. The interview will therefore be wide-ranging in nature, designed to test candidates' intellectual skills and reasoning ability, but also to reveal their character, core commitments, and potential to make a positive contribution to society. We encourage to prepare for it as a meeting of getting to know you.

#### IV. SCHOLARSHIP QUESTIONS

##### 1. What costs does the DAFI scholarship cover?

The Scholarship Covers University course fees, as well as providing an annual stipend. For the 2023/24 academic year, the stipend from which Scholars pay all living expenses, including accommodation. **Please note - this is not sufficient to cover partners or dependents.**

Following selection for the Scholarship, the DAFI will cover the fee required to apply to study at the University. The scholarship will cover transport costs to and from the university for the scholars during the course of study following the university calendar. Upon graduation, graduation fees and other expenses will be catered for.

##### 2. Am I allowed to accept other awards in conjunction with a DAFI Scholarship?

Tenure of other awards in conjunction with a DAFI Scholarship is not permitted.

##### 3. Where can I find DAFI scholars if I want to connect?

Whether you're looking for DAFI Scholars from your region, or for current Scholars in your university, you can find this with our Students Liason Officer at Windle International Uganda.

#### V. OTHERS



### 1) Can I resubmit my application if I made a mistake on the application form?

If you have made a mistake, YES you can resubmit your application. Updating or editing after submission is possible as long as the advert deadline has not passed.

To edit your application, please log on to your account on the **UNHCR Tertiary Scholarship Programme Online Platform** and click on your name to reopen application for editing.

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Once you are done editing or updating, please click save to submit the changes.

### 2. I am interested in studies but was told that I do not qualify since I am not a refugee, can I apply?

The DAFI scholarship programme is a fund by UNHCR and is strictly earmarked for refugees. Applications from people who are not refugees registered by OPM – Uganda shall not be considered.

## VI. APPLICATION DEADLINES

### 1. What are the deadlines?

Information about the programme in general (application conditions, application procedure, deadlines, documents and contact) can be found on the **UNHCR Tertiary**



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[tertiary.scholarshipsplatform.com/](https://unhcr-dafi-tertiary.scholarshipsplatform.com/). The specific **deadline** for the DAFI call for application 2023-2024 is **6<sup>th</sup> August 2023**.

If your question hasn't been answered by the pages in the navigation bar of the application portal or in the FAQs above, please get in touch with us at [wiu.scholarship@windle.org](mailto:wiu.scholarship@windle.org)