



STUDENT REFUGEE PROGRAM (SRP)

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS, 2025-2026

World University Service of Canada (WUSC), in partnership with Windle International Uganda, would like to invite suitably qualified refugee youth to apply for the 2025-2026 cohort of the SRP.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must:

- Be currently living as a refugee in Uganda and have continuously resided in Uganda for 3 years at the time of application (must have arrived before January 1st, 2021);
- Be between 18-25 years old as of January 1st, 2024 (applicants must be born no earlier than January 1st, 1999 and no later than January 1st, 2006);
- Be eligible and suitable for resettlement under the criteria of [Canada's Private Sponsorship of Refugees program](#);
- Have completed secondary school and already be in possession of the paper copy of the official and original secondary diploma and transcripts (if applicable) at the time of application (see table below for minimum academic grades);
- Be competent in English or French (oral and written competence);
- Be single (unmarried) with no children;
- Be facing barriers to accessing or completing undergraduate post-secondary education;
- Be self-reliant, mature and suitable for integration in Canada as an individual.

MINIMUM ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS BY COUNTRY OF STUDY:

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list. If you have completed secondary education in a country other than the ones listed below, and meet all of the other criteria above, you are eligible to apply. The equivalency of your grades will be reviewed against the grades listed below. **The grades listed are the minimum eligibility requirement for academics and do not guarantee selection.**

COUNTRY	EXAM CERTIFICATE	MINIMUM GRADE / SCORE
Burundi	Diplôme d'Etat	50% Bulletin scolaire / Relevé des notes
DRC	Diplôme d'Etat or Attestation de Réussite	50%. Relevé des notes 1. Note that attestations issued by a secondary school are not accepted. 2. Include all bulletins for years 1 to 6. 3. With your application, you must accompany your Diplome or Attestation with the print out of the graduate list (Palmarès) from the DRC ministry's website where your name and grade are clearly indicated.
Eritrea	ESECE	5 subjects. GPA of 2.50
Ethiopia	ESLC	5 subjects. GPA of 2.50
Kenya	KCSE	B+



Rwanda	REB Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education	A minimum of 4 principal passes and C average.
Somalia	SSLC	65%
Sudan	SSC	65%
South Sudan	Certificate of Secondary Education (CSE)	65%
Uganda	<p>UACE</p> <p>*UACE certificate holders, where applicable, must submit their UCE results with their application.</p> <p>**Recent UACE candidates (announced in 2024) who have not yet received their pass slips must submit an attestation/recommendation from their school regarding their results. Shortlisted applicants will be required to share their original pass slips at the first step of shortlisting.</p>	10 points

HOW TO APPLY:

Complete the online **SRP Application Form** available here: (<https://forms.gle/sXEikAskAMAAFCiH7>). Please ensure that all of your documents are electronic files (images or PDFs).

We have provided a list of questions that are included below on the last page of the SRP Call for Applications. We encourage you to review these questions and prepare your answers offline, in advance of applying online.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE APPLICATION PROCESS:

- The SRP values gender equality. Qualified female candidates are encouraged to apply. WUSC applies principles of gender equity when reviewing applications from female applicants which may include using different academic standards for female candidates as well as other equity measures.
- Those individuals who are already being sponsored on a post-secondary scholarship or who have already completed a university degree **SHOULD NOT** apply.
- You may apply in English **or** in French. Candidates who are competent in **both** French and English can indicate this in their application form and may express their language of preference to WUSC.



- Ensure you answer all questions fully and honestly and submit documents which are clearly legible. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE SHORTLISTED.** Please closely verify the eligibility requirements and the required documentation requested in the application form.
- Applicants with discrepancies in their biodata (name, date of birth, etc.) either in their academic documents or refugee identification should seek to clarify and resolve these with the relevant bodies or authorities (UNHCR and OPM). Should an applicant not be able to resolve the discrepancies before they apply to the SRP, they should attach an explanation with their application.
- The SRP is open to brothers and sisters from the same family to apply and qualify for the SRP. There is no limit on the number of family members that can be sponsored through the SRP.
- WUSC is unable to add documents or change details in your online application should you make a typing error. If you make a mistake in your online application, it is your responsibility to submit a new application before the application deadline. In cases where applicants submit multiple applications, we will only consider the details in your most recent application.
- Applicants are encouraged to **attach additional documentation** (training certificates, reference letters, etc.) to their application to support the review of their candidacy in addition to the required documents.
- Candidates must be eligible for resettlement to Canada. Your eligibility is based on your individual circumstances and refugee claim. The SRP is open to refugees from all nationalities. There are no quotas or targets by country of origin.
- The sponsorship process can take up to two years or more. Final decisions are made by Canadian immigration officials before SRP students are cleared for travel to Canada.
- WUSC thanks all candidates for their interest. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.
- **Please note:** SRP applicants are expected to present WUSC with honest and consistent information and documentation during the application and interview process. WUSC has a **zero-tolerance policy regarding the submission of false identification or academic documents.** Applicants who misrepresent any information or falsify their documentation, will be permanently banned from future consideration for the SRP.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The online application form will open on March 1, 2024. We will accept applications until **the deadline of March 22nd, 2024 at 5pm Kampala time.**

For further details and inquiries, please contact WIU scholarship's team.

Email: wiu.scholarship@windle.org, Phone: **0761308499.**

WIU has offices that are available to support applicants to successfully complete their applications (at zero cost), especially those who are resource constrained. Kindly reach out to any WIU office.

Thank you for your interest in the SRP!



INFORMATION SHEET ABOUT THE STUDENT REFUGEE PROGRAM

<p>About WUSC</p>	<p>World University Service of Canada (WUSC) is a Canadian non-governmental organization. Our head office is in Ottawa, Canada. WUSC is dedicated to providing education, employment and empowerment opportunities for youth around the world, especially for women and refugee youth.</p> <p>Since 2018, WUSC has been collaborating with Windle International Uganda to implement Student Refugee Program activities throughout Uganda.</p>
<p>About WIU</p>	<p>Windle International Uganda (WIU) is an International Non-Governmental Organization providing access to quality and inclusive education for refugees and hosts in 12 refugee settlements countrywide including urban Kampala. WIU’s mandate is to expand access to and improve the quality of education and training for refugees and communities affected by conflict, neglect, or discrimination. WIU interventions support quality education, skilling of women and youth, and build the link between learning and earnings for both refugees and host communities.</p>
<p>About the Student Refugee Program</p>	<p>The Student Refugee Program (SRP) is WUSC’s flagship program. The SRP resettles between 130-150 students every year from 5 countries of asylum (Jordan, Lebanon, Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania). The SRP is a unique youth-to-youth sponsorship model with post-secondary students in Canada playing a leadership role in the sponsorship of refugee students. WUSC “Local Committees” on Canadian campuses raise funds for the SRP and awareness about the global refugee crisis. Local Committees also offer day-to-day social support to SRP students after they arrive in Canada.</p> <p>Important things to know about the SRP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The SRP is not a traditional scholarship - it is a one-year sponsorship that includes resettlement to Canada and access to a Canadian post-secondary academic institution. ● SRP students arrive in Canada as a Permanent Resident, able to apply for Canadian citizenship after 3-4 years. ● Successful candidates are resettled independently as a single person - the SRP does not include resettlement of any family members. ● The SRP covers a student’s academic and living expenses for the first year in Canada. After 1 year, SRP students are expected to become financially independent. SRP students are allowed to work during summer vacation periods, and/or during the school year, and SRP can apply for Canadian government student loans, scholarships and/or bursaries/grants to support the rest of their degree.
<p>About Universities, Colleges, and CEGEPs</p>	<p>WUSC’s academic partners in Canada include more than 90 universities, colleges and CEGEPs. You will learn more about these options if you are selected for the SRP. For now, here is a brief description of these three different types of institutions where you may have an opportunity to study if you are selected for the SRP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● University: Undergraduate students in a university are working towards a Bachelor’s Degree. The approach to education in most universities is



	<p>theoretical and research-oriented. Many students in Canada who graduate with a Bachelor’s degree will need to also study at the Master’s level before they begin their career. The tuition at a university is more expensive than at a college.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● College: Students in a college are working towards a Diploma or Certificate. Some colleges have a partnership with a university with the first 2 years at a college being transferable to the 3rd year of a Degree program. The approach to education is more practical and skills-oriented. Many students who graduate from a college are able to enter the labour force directly, with employers finding college graduates ‘job-ready’. College tuition is less expensive than university tuition. ● CEGEP: This is a unique type of college that is present only in Québec, one of Canada’s provinces. Students in a CEGEP have an option of two streams: one stream is considered a bridging year to university, and the other stream is for technical diploma programs that are directly linked to labour market demands.
<p>Selection process for the SRP</p>	<p>WUSC’s objective is to select equal numbers of female and male students for the SRP. There are no targets or quotas by nationality - refugees from any country of origin are welcome to apply. The selection of SRP students includes a review of their refugee claim, academic strengths and personal suitability for integration in Canada.</p> <p>WUSC is responsible for making the preliminary selection decision. After the interview, we conduct a final round of verifications with local organizations including UNHCR and education partners to verify refugee status and academic histories. After students are selected by WUSC, a final decision will be made by Canadian immigration officials about who is eligible for resettlement to Canada under the “Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program”. WUSC recommends candidates to Canadian immigration officials but WUSC does not have the ability to influence the final decision that is made by Canadian government officials.</p>
<p>Immigration process for the SRP</p>	<p>After students are selected by WUSC, students complete the immigration application form for resettlement to Canada under Canada’s Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program. WUSC submits SRP candidates to Canadian immigration officials. WUSC does not have the ability to influence the final decision that is made by Canadian government officials. <u>The final decision will be made by Canadian immigration officials about who is eligible for resettlement to Canada</u></p>
<p>Safeguarding the integrity of the SRP application process</p>	<p>There are no fees to apply to WUSC’s Student Refugee Program. At all stages of the application process, the SRP is totally free for applicants. Applicants should never be asked to pay anything or provide any other benefit to a WUSC staff member or a local partner representative. If you experience or witness any corruption or unethical behaviour during the application process, we ask that you report this incident to WUSC headquarters in Ottawa through this email address: report-to-srp@wusc.ca</p>



Type of questions included in the Online Application form

- Full Name
- Date of birth
- Gender
- Country of origin
- Location of birth
- Marital and family status
- Telephone number
- Length of time living in Uganda
- Current address in Uganda
- Language abilities - in English and French
- Have you completed secondary school?
- Do you have your original secondary school diploma? (must attach)
- What country issued your secondary school diploma?
- What was your final average grade? Final grade in English or French language?
- Have you studied at the post-secondary level?
- If you had to stop studies at the post-secondary level, why?
- What is your current refugee status in Uganda?
- Do you have registration or other documents that confirm your status in Uganda (i.e. temporary visa, registration as an asylum seeker or refugee with UNHCR) ? (must attach)
- Have you (or your immediate family) been referred for resettlement to any country by UNHCR? If yes, where and what was the result?
- Why and when did you leave your country of origin?
- Are you able to return to your country of origin?
- Is there anything else you'd like to add to your SRP application?