

**Call for scholarship application of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
for the Hungarian Language and Cultural Studies Programme
in the academic year of 2020/2021**

Note: This document has been prepared in English as a complementary material to the official Hungarian language call-for-application. In case of doubt, please refer to the original version and/or contact us.

Based on paragraph 2 of the 241/2016. (VIII.16.) Government Regulation the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFA) invite applications for a **10-month Hungarian State scholarship in the academic year of 2020/2021 for the**

HUNGARIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL STUDIES PROGRAMME.

1. THE GOAL OF THE APPLICATION

The scholarship is intended for individuals of Hungarian descent living outside of Hungary who wish to strengthen their language knowledge and cultural identity.

The objective of the Hungarian Language and Cultural Studies scholarship is to improve, broaden and strengthen the Hungarian language skills and cultural knowledge of young people of Hungarian descent, who are citizens and residents of other countries (the so-called “Western diaspora”). The two-semester course takes place in the MFA in Budapest with the cooperation of the KKM Magyar Diplomáciai Akadémia Kft. (KKM MDA Kft., a background institution of the MFA).

2. THE OBJECT OF THE APPLICATION

The programme consists of language and cultural studies and provides a great opportunity for participants to actively explore Hungary and contemporary Hungarian culture. In the framework of cultural studies students learn about history, literature, geography, folklore, art history, and social issues. At the end of the programme students take a final exam in the above subjects, defend their final essay, and take a Hungarian language exam officially recognized by the Hungarian state. (The level and type of the language exam is decided by the language skills examination board.)

Participants of the programme will receive a certification at the end of their studies.

Class attendance is compulsory. Should a participant miss classes without cause, or violate the Study and Exam rules or Disciplinary Guidelines, he/she will lose the right to continue the programme and the right to dormitory placement. Any individual who has been expelled from the programme will have to repay all stipend (monthly allowance) received up to that date.

3. THE LENGTH AND THE CONTENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

Duration of the programme is 10 months (September 2020 – June 2021).



The scholarship includes:

- full tuition fee
- HUF 45,000/month allowance (to be paid monthly)
- free accommodation in the dormitory (3-bedded rooms)
- student card (offering discounts)
- basic health services

Maximum number of scholarships to be awarded: 20

4. CONDITIONS OF THE APPLICATION

Individuals between the age of 18 and 35 years are invited to apply. All applicants should have **foreign citizenship**, those with dual citizenship (Hungarian and other) are also encouraged to apply. Volunteer work, references from post-secondary institutions, and any other activities related to Hungary or Hungarian culture are all taken into consideration in the selection of the applicants.

5. DEADLINE OF APPLICATIONS

Deadline of applications: 11 March 2020, 24.00 (UTC+1)

6. INFORMATION ON THE SUBMISSION AND EVALUATION OF THE APPLICATION

Steps of application:

The call for application is published in Hungarian at

<https://balassischolarship.kormany.hu>

in English at

<https://balassischolarship.kormany.hu/call-for-application-hungarian-cultural-studies>

1. Filling in the application form

In case you speak Hungarian:

download the Hungarian-language application form (Excel document) at <https://balassischolarship.kormany.hu> and fill it in electronically (no handwriting!)

In case you do not speak Hungarian:

download the English-language application form (Excel document) at <https://balassischolarship.kormany.hu/call-for-application-hungarian-cultural-studies> and fill it in electronically (no handwriting!)



2. Obtaining required documents

Required documentation and references for the application:

- an approx. 300-word essay on why you would like to study in Hungary (required format: Word document)
- CV (required format: Word document)
- copy of passport (required format: .pdf)
- copy of transcripts and diplomas signed or certified by the appropriate authorities (required format: .pdf)
- reference letter from a volunteer organization (eg. scouts, school, foundation, church, etc.) or a recognized individual (required format: .pdf)
- copy of document certifying vaccination obtained so far/vaccination booklet, if any (required format: .pdf)

3. Printing and signing the application form

Print the application form filled in electronically, then sign with blue ink and scan in colour.

4. Submitting the application material via e-mail to jn2@nyu.edu and balassischolarship@mfa.gov.hu

To submitting the application the following documents have to be sent to both e-mails:

- application form filled in electronically (Excel document),
- signed and scanned application form (.pdf document),
- an approx. 300-word essay on why you would like to study in Hungary (required format: Word document)
- CV (required format: Word document)
- copy of passport (required format: .pdf)
- copy of transcripts and diplomas signed or certified by the appropriate authorities (required format: .pdf)
- reference letter from a volunteer organization (eg. scouts, school, foundation, church, etc.) or a recognized individual (required format: .pdf)
- copy of document certifying vaccination obtained so far/vaccination booklet, if any (required format: .pdf)

Evaluation of the Application

Decisions on the applications are made by the MFA Board based on the recommendation of the Hungarian Scouts Association in Exteris. All decisions are binding. **MFA will not consider applications submitted after deadline and/or incorrectly and/or incompletely and/or illegibly.**

Publication of the results

Applications will be evaluated by 23 March 2020 and applicants will be notified about the results within 7 workdays afterwards via e-mail.

Successful applicants must confirm the acceptance of the scholarship via e-mail. **Within seven calendar days** afterwards, **applicants must pay** the registration fee (USD 50) and the participation fee of the two mandatory field trips (USD 600) in one amount, so **USD 650**. Method of payment:

- 1) personal check (USA or Canada)

Checks should be sent to the following address:

Hungarian Scouts Association in Exteris, 2850 Route 23 North, Newfoundland, NJ 07435 – USA

- 2) bank transfer

In case of a bank transfer the bank account details are the following:

Hungarian Scout Association in Exteris; Wells Fargo Bank; ABA Routing #021200025; Account



number: 7219453979; Swift code# WFBIUS6S; Bank address: Wells Fargo Bank, NA, 20 Mountainview Avenue, Wayne, NJ, Postal code 07470, USA

If a successful applicant fails to pay the USD 650 fee within 14 calendar days after having made the acceptance confirmation, he/she will automatically lose the scholarship, which will be offered for the next person on the wait list.

If, after having accepted the scholarship and having paid the USD 650 fee, the applicant decides not to participate in the programme, the Hungarian Scout Association in Exteris will refund 50% of the fee for the two field trips (USD 300) – provided that the cancellation is made by ... 2020, at the latest. The registration fee (USD 50) is non-refundable. No refunds will be made in case of cancellations received after ...2020.

The scholarship does not cover the following expenses:

- travel to and from Hungary
- language exam fee (ECL exam of level B2 or C1: approx. HUF 25,000)
- registration fee (USD 50)
- cost of two compulsory field trips (USD 600)
- food and personal expenses (the recommended monthly amount for food and personal expenses is approximately USD 250)
- public transport season ticket
- fee of type “Other” visa, if necessary

7. CONDITIONS OF WINNING AND OBTAINING THE SCHOLARSHIP

The applicant must accept the following conditions for obtaining the scholarship:

- After having made the acceptance confirmation of the scholarship, arranging payment in 7 calendar days for the fee of two mandatory field trips (USD 600) and the registration fee (50 USD), altogether USD 650 in one amount.
- Taking part in medical screening tests shortly after arrival to be performed by the assigned medical service provider of the MFA and MFA Magyar Diplomáciai Akadémia Kft.. A successful medical screening test and receiving the necessary vaccinations are the preconditions of obtaining „medically recommended for training” result which is required for using the scholarship and start the training. Should the medical screening give „medically not recommended for training” result, or the Scholarship-holder refuses to receive the necessary vaccinations, he/she has to undertake to cancel his/her participation in the scholarship programme and to move out of the dormitory.
- If the student loses its "medically recommended for training" status during the period of the programme, the Scholarship Agreement may be terminated.
- Signing a scholarship agreement with the MFA and a training agreement with the KKM MDA Kft.



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8. CONTACT

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The official call-for-application and the application form can be found at the Balassi Scholarship Programme webpage of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (in Hungarian: <https://balassischolarship.kormany.hu>, in English: <https://balassischolarship.kormany.hu/call-for-application-hungarian-cultural-studies>), as well as at the webpage of the Külföldi Magyar Cserkészszövetség (www.kmcssz.org).

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