



# The NOVA Community Scholarship

A NOVA Parent-Teacher Association and Alumni Association initiative

## Why do we want another scholarship program in Nova?

The student body of NOVA is continuously growing, while the number of scholarships awarded to NOVA students has remained fixed over the years. With your support, we would like to create new opportunities for gifted and talented students who wish to attend NOVA high school and who would most benefit from its educational model, but are unable to do so because of financial limitations.

Our community is no stranger to the benefits a NOVA education can provide, and we would like to make this educational and life experience available to a wider range of motivated students. The NOVA community is also aware that there are moments in life when even the most passionate achievers require the support of someone else who can believe and invest in them, and that is an important catalyst behind the creation of this new scholarship program. Both the student alumni, through the Nova Alumni Association (NAA), and the parent community, through the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), recognize the value of scholarship programs, and the opportunities they can provide to individuals and to families. The driving force behind this program is our desire to give back to a community we ourselves have benefited from.

Very importantly, the scholarship program would further diversify NOVA's student body academically, culturally and socioeconomically, something the whole community stands to benefit from.

## What is the profile of a scholarship student?

The students that we are inviting to this scholarship program need to meet the following criteria:

- ☐ The student should possess excellent general knowledge.
  - ☐ Assessed through a Math and English exam administered during the first selection round.
- ☐ The student should have excelled in a specific academic area (science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), athletics/competitive sports, arts and/or humanities)
  - ☐ Assessed through a second round of interviews, of the best ranked applicants.
- ☐ The student's family should be unable to afford a NOVA education.
  - ☐ Each family will need to submit a form detailing their financial situation, together with a statement as to their inability to service NOVA's educational costs.



## What do we want to achieve?

The PTA's and NAA's goals are to provide at least one full scholarship for a prospective high school student, commencing from the academic 2020-21, to be expanded to more scholarships for the academic 2021-22. We aim to collect the scholarship funds through generous donations from NOVA alumni and parents. NOVA has pledged to match any funds collected through these donations with their own equal financial contribution.

The scholarship itself will cover a four-year NOVA high school education, including all tuition and fees. The student will be required to complete NOVA's high school education with certain minimum academic requirements, together with other leadership and community commitments, and to annually report to NAA and PTA on progress, actively contributing to any of their ongoing projects.

The scholarship is intended for Macedonian citizens from the public primary schools only. The cost of NOVA's annual tuition in 2020-21 is expected to be 6,150 EUR. This amount will be fixed for the duration of the four-year scholarship program, therefore the full cost would total 24,600 EUR, out of which NOVA will contribute half. The amount to be collected through donations per one full scholarship is 12,300 EUR. A single contribution sufficient to support one scholarship will provide the donor a seat in the interview process.

The school will waive the one-time application (100 EUR), and graduation (100 EUR) fees, and annual capital fee (350 EUR), totaling 1,600 EUR over four years.

The scholarship student's family will be responsible for any costs related to excursions, sports/academic travel, and IB and testing fees, which are optional.

## How are we to reach our potential applicants?

The scholarship project will be communicated via the school's website, the school's social media channels, and a promotional campaign targeting popular web portals with web banners and TV interviews. School representatives would also schedule school visits in order to further raise the visibility of the scholarship program.

## How are we going to select the appropriate scholarship students?

1. First round (general knowledge) Math and English test
2. Second round (specific area of interest) interview with a panel comprised of PTA and NAA, and potentially donor members
3. Review of financial documents to ascertain financial need
4. Announcement of scholarship recipients
5. Annual review of scholarship student's academic progress and community contributions

## How can you contribute?



You can reach us at [alumniassociation@nova.edu.mk](mailto:alumniassociation@nova.edu.mk) or on +389-2-3061-807 extension: 115, should you want to make a contribution or inquire further.



You can also make a direct contribution, by visiting our web page on-line payment portal (<https://nova.edu.mk/CreateOrder.aspx>), and selecting the donate option.



We would love to have you attend our spring PTA Gala evening which is currently being planned, where your attendance will also contribute to the scholarship fund. More information will be shared as we get closer to the event.