# REGULATION

# on Scholarship Competition of Acamedic Shakhmardan Yessenov

# Science and Education Foundation

**І. General Provisions**

1.1. The scholarship competition (hereinafter - the "Competition") is held and funded at the initiative of the Acamedic Shakhmardan Yessenov Science and Education Foundation, hereinafter referred to as the Foundation, is aimed at stimulating the educational, scientific, social activities of students in the natural sciences, technical, medical and IT fields and perpetuating the memory of Shakhmardan Yessenov, an outstanding scientist geologist, a prominent statesman and public figure, academician of the National Academy of Sciences, Doctor of Geological and Mineralogical Sciences, Professor, Lenin Prize Laureate, State Prize of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Laureate of the Prize named after C. Valikhanova.

1.2. **The purpose of the Competition** is to promote the development of science in the Republic of Kazakhstan by supporting the best undergraduate and graduate students from leading universities in the country and developing their competencies demanded by modern community.

1.3. **In the Regulation**, the “scholarship” means a cash payment in the amount of 324 000 (three hundred twenty four thousand) tenge to 20 (twenty) fellows for a period of 12 (twelve) months. Scholarships are paid from May 2022 to April 2023.

1.4. Winners are selected during the open Competition. The competition is held once a year, in the second semester of the academic year.

1.5. The program involves a mandatory quota for scholarships by 2 (two) students from Satbayev University. Historically, the 2 best students of the university, where Academician Sharkhmardan Yessenov taught and where his office is located, always had the opportunity to receive scholarships.

**ІІ. Requirements to applicants for a scholarship of Shakhmardan Yessenov.**

2.1. Students, citizens of Kazakhstan over 18 years of age, full-time education, both on the basis of state scholarship and contract, can take part in the competition.

2.2. Participants of the program are citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan:

1. baccalaureate students, except for first and last years;
2. bachelor’s degrees in medical schools, except for the first year, if internship is compulsory;
3. masters, 1st year;
4. interns, except for the last course,

studying exclusively at a Kazakh university, in accordance with the classification for the training of specialists in the following fields:

1. 6B05 Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Statistics
2. 6B06 Information and Communication Technologies
3. 6B07 Engineering, manufacturing and construction industries
4. 6B10 Healthcare.

Twenty (20) scholarship-winners of the Competition are selected from among the applicants.

2.3. Applicants studying in the undergraduate and graduate programs should be have “good” and “excellent” grades in the disciplines (average GPA score is not lower than 3.0). Data must be confirmed by transcript.

2.4. A student who is a relative (as defined below) of the leaders of the university, where he/she is studying (Rector, Vice-Rector, member of the Academic Council of the University, Director of the Institute, Dean, Head of the Department) must indicate these family ties in the application for the Competition.

2.5. The award of a scholarship does not cancel the student’s right to receive a state scholarship, including an increased scholarship.

2.6. The competition is held annually. A student who once received a scholarship can each time participate in this competition on a general basis.

**ІІІ. Scholarship award procedure.**

3.1. Scholarship of Shakhmardan Yessenov is awarded to 20 (twenty) students from among the best students studying in the specialties specified in paragraph 2.2.

3.2. To conduct the competition, an Expert Commission is created, which selects fellows based on the results of two rounds of the Competition.

3.3. The selection of students for a scholarship named of Shakhmardan Yessenov is carried out by the Expert Commission based on the results of two rounds described below. The decision of the Expert Council is approved by the order of the Foundation in the form of an officially certified list of winners of the scholarship of Shakhmardan Yessenov. The results of the tours and the competition are published on the website of the Foundation (yessenovfoundation.org) and on Facebook, Instagram.

3.4. The scholarship is awarded once a year and is paid for 12 (twelve) months from May 2022 to April 2023.

3.5. To participate in the Shakhmardan Yessenov Scholarship Competition, a candidate must:

* + 1. Fill out the online application form on the website of the Foundation – yessenovfoundation.org
    2. Attach the following to the application form:

Required documents:

1. ID card photocopy;
2. An essay on the following topic: “Is it more or less difficult to be professional in the modern world? What are the obstacles and what contribute to them?” (text in the edited document);
3. Transcript of a student (average GPA score not lower than 3.0), applications with the score below 3.0 are not considered;
4. Copy of a Diploma of Higher Education for the students of the master’s program and internship students;

Supplementary documents:

1. Scientific Certificates/Diplomas – not more than 2 certificates\*;
2. Certificates for social activity and volunteering - not more than 3 certificates \*;
3. Publication– not more than 2 publications\*;
4. Recommendation of the Scientific adviser/head of the department - no more than 1 document\*.

*\** *The Foundation considers a limited number of certificates. The candidate must independently select the certificates that best reflect his/her achievements.*

3.6. The applications are accepted on the website of the Foundation **from 24 January to 25 February 2022.**

**Acceptance of applications will end on February 25, 2022 at 15:00 according to the time of Nur Sultan (GMT + 6). Applications received after the deadline are not considered.**

3.7. By submitting an application for participation in the competition, the student automatically confirms his/her consent to handling personal data.

3.8. The scholarship is registered and cannot be transferred from one student to another.

3.9. Submission of documents for the Competition means that the applicant shares the goals of the program and confirms his/her agreement with all terms for the Competition set forth in this Regulation and is ready to fully comply therewith.

3.10. Applications are accepted in 2 (two) languages: Kazakh and Russian.

3.11. The Fund reserves the right not to explain the reasons and reasons for its decisions on applicants.

**IV. Competitive selection stages.**

4.1. The scholarship competition consists of 2 (two) rounds, at the end of each of these rounds the best students are selected.

4.2. The first round is held **from 28 February to 09 March 2022.:**

4.2.1. All applications received on time are reviewed and evaluated in absentia by independent experts according to the following criteria:

1. high academic potential (including erudition in the designated area of interest; novelty of approaches; good academic results);
2. availability of scientific publications related to the specialty;
3. activity in student life;
4. volunteer experience;
5. and other.
   * 1. Applicants who have passed in the second round receive an email. Lists of those who passed in the second round are also published on the Foundation's website and on social networks. At the end of the first round of the scholarship competition, no more than 30 students are selected. The results of the first qualifying round will be announced **no later than March 11 2022.**

4.3. The second round is held **24-31 March 2022:**

4.3.1. The second round - online interview. Participants in the second round are invited to an online selection, which is conducted as an interview. This interview assesses the following student qualities:

1. General communication;
2. system of values and attitudes, motivation;
3. total activity;
4. emotional intelligence;
5. Understanding the requirements of the modern world;
6. general psychological maturity;
7. thinking;
8. The willingness of applicants to post motivational posts on social media.

4.3.2. The duration of the interview is up to 60 minutes. At the end of the second round of the scholarship competition, 20 students are selected. If necessary, the Shakhmardan Yessenov Foundation can conduct additional testing of applicants.

4.4. The list of winners of the Scholarship Competition is published on the Foundation's website before **04 April 2022.**

**V. Scholarship award and payment terms.**

5.1. A sponsorship agreement is concluded with the Scholarship Winner.

5.2. The scholarship is paid on the basis of an agreement concluded between the Shakhmardan Yessenov Foundation and the student by transferring money to the student’s bank account no later than the 15th day of the following month.

5.3. The scholarship is paid monthly only to valid university students, if the student is on academic leave, etc., the scholarship is ceased.

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