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# REGULATIONS OF THE PROGRAM “ÓRLEÝ” (ӨРЛЕУ)

# on awarding scholarships for the study at universities (bachelor's degree) of the Republic of Kazakhstan

**SHAKHMARDAN YESSENOV FOUNDATION**

**I. General provisions.**

1.1. The competition for the scholarships for the study at universities (bachelor's degree) of the Republic of Kazakhstan (hereinafter referred to as the "Competition") is held and financed at the initiative of **the Private Foundation “Shakhmardan Yessenov Science and Education Foundation”** (hereinafter referred to as the "Foundation") and is aimed at providing scholarships for higher education by applicants and students winning a state or any other study scholarship, who have not brilliant, but good academic performance, from low-income families, to obtain specialties in accordance with the classification for training specialists in the following areas:

1. 6В05 natural sciences, mathematics and statistics;
2. 6В06 information and communication technologies;
3. 6В07 engineering, manufacturing and construction areas;
4. 6В10 health care;
5. 6B01 pedagogical sciences (only in science subjects 6B015)

1.2. **The Competition goal** is to create a “social lift” through the scholarships to graduates of schools/colleges, 2- 5 year undergraduate students of the Republic of Kazakhstan who have not brilliant, but good academic performance (they should have grades not lower than 4 (four) on a five-point scale in the certificate or using equivalent [alphabetic, percent](https://adilet.zan.kz/rus/docs/V1300008434) system), from low-income families for further study in Kazakhstan universities (bachelor's degree).

1.3. In the Regulations, the “scholarship” means a cash payment to the winners of the Competition for 1 (one) academic year. **The number of education scholarships is 10 (ten),** their size is determined by the Foundation's management individually, on an annual basis.

1.4. **Scholarship includes** :

1. tuition fees;
2. upon additional consideration - a monthly allowance to compensate for the cost of food/accommodation.

1.5. The winners are selected by the Fund in the course of an open Competition.

1.6. The competition is held by the Foundation once a year.

**II. Scholarship applicant requirements.**

2.1. Citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan can take part in the Competition in accordance with clause 1.1. of these regulations.

2.2. The winner of the Competition that once received a scholarship, can again participate in this Competition on equal bases in subsequent years of study.

2.4. To gain a scholarship for the study at universities of the Republic of Kazakhstan, it is necessary to provide a copy of the certificate, UNT certificate or college diploma, a copy of the transcript in accordance with the requirements of the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

2.5. The scholarship applicant must declare and document active participation in social and community activities during their school/college/university years.

2.6. The winner of the Competition, becoming a student of a Kazakhstan university, who, based on the results of the 1st (first) term of the current academic year, takes exams in more than 2 (two) subjects for grades below GPA 2.33 (average not lower than GPA 2.67) or equivalent grades according to an [alphabetic, percent, five-point](https://adilet.zan.kz/rus/docs/V1300008434) system, may be denied by the Foundation to provide further financial support.

2.7. A scholarship applicant who is a relative of the university management (rector, vice-rector, member of the academic council of the university, director of the institute, dean, department chair) where they plan to study, must indicate these family ties in the application for the Competition.

2.8. The winner of the Competition loses the scholarship, and if it is paid by the Foundation, returns the funds to the Foundation:

1. when transferring from a paid basis to the study under the state educational order;
2. when gaining a scholarship from any other organization;
3. in the event that the Winner of the Competition takes an academic leave;
4. in case of any force majeure circumstances.

**III. Scholarship award procedure.**

3.1. The scholarship is awarded to Applicants who can demonstrate the highest need for financial support and desire to obtain the chosen specialty, in order to improve the quality of their lives and the lives of their families.

3.2. To conduct the Competition, the Foundation creates an Expert Board, which selects scholarship holders (winners) based on the results of 2 (two) rounds of the Competition.

3.3. Applicants are selected by the Expert Board based on the results of 2 (two) rounds mentioned in article 4 of these Regulations. The decision of the Expert Board is approved by the members of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation and the order of the Foundation in the form of an officially certified list of winners of the Competition. The results of the rounds and the Competition are published on the Foundation's website: **yessenovfoundation.org** and on social media pages of the Foundation: Facebook, Instagram.

3.4. The Foundation pays the scholarship as follows:

* + 1. Confirmation of admission to the university is a training agreement concluded between the student and the university, respectively. Tuition fee is paid by the Foundation to the university, in accordance with its requirements for the 1st (first) term of study;
		2. Payment for the 2nd (second) term of study is made to the university based on the results of a report from the winner of the Competition (scholarship holder) confirming successful completion of the exams for the 1st (first) term of the current academic year.
		3. Scholarship, if awarded by the Foundation to the winner of the Competition (scholarship holder), in accordance with subparagraph b, paragraph 1.4. of these Regulations, is paid monthly - **from September 2023 to June 2024 inclusive**, to the personal account of the winner of the Competition (scholarship holder).
		4. **Payment of the 1st (first) scholarship** is made by the Foundation to the winner of the Competition (scholarship holder) in the **1st (first) decade of September 2023.**

**3.5. To participate in the Competition, a scholarship applicant must:**

* + 1. Fill out an online application on the Foundation's website: **yessenovfoundation.org** and (or) send an application in the established form to the Foundation's email address: **info@yessenovfoundation.org**.
		2. **An application for participation in the Competition may be filled out by:**
1. parents;
2. legal representative;
3. an entrant/student/undergraduate only at the age of 18 (eighteen) years.
	* 1. **The following list of documents must be attached to the application**:

**Required documents for parents and (or) legal representative of the scholarship applicant:**

* 1. a scanned copy of an identity card;
1. certificate of pension: by age, by disability (if any);
2. certificate of benefits: loss of a breadwinner, multi-child family, care for a child, unemployment, targeted social assistance and other grounds, in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan (if any);
3. certificate confirming entrepreneurial activity or absence thereof;
4. statement of pension contributions as of the date of application from the legal representative and (or) parents of the scholarship applicant;
5. information about the presence/absence of housing, a car, a subsidiary farm, etc.

**Required documents for the scholarship applicant:**

* 1. A scanned copy of an identity card;
	2. Motivational letter (no more than 750 words) containing:
		1. information about yourself and your family, about how many people live in the family;
		2. about their interests and hobbies;
		3. about their achievements;
		4. information about the reasons for the need for financial support to pay for tuition;
		5. reasons for choosing this specialty for the study;
		6. plans for the next 10 years.
	3. High school diploma/college diploma (**applicants with grades below “good and excellent” are not considered**), certificate of passing the UNT (for admission to universities), transcript for university students;
	4. Disability certificate (if any);
	5. Certificate of a foster child from an orphanage or foster home.

**Additional documents:**

* 1. Letters of recognition and diplomas for academic achievements - not more than 2 pieces\*;
	2. Letters of recognition and diplomas for other achievements (sports, creative, etc.) - no more than 2 pieces\*;
	3. Photos from the last three years:
		1. family, where there are all family members or most of them (for the last three years) - 2 pieces.
	4. If deemed applicable, the Foundation reserves the right to request additional documents.

***\*The Foundation considers a limited number of certificates, letters of recognition and diplomas. The scholarship applicant must at their own discretion select the certificates that best reflect their achievements.***

3.6. Applications are accepted on the Foundation's website: **yessenovfoundation.org from April** **25 to July 14 2023 inclusive.**

**The acceptance of applications will be closed by the Foundation on July 14, 2023 at 15:00 Astana time (GMT+6). Applications received after the deadline will not be considered by the Foundation.**

3.7. By applying an application for participation in the Competition, the scholarship applicant and (or) the parent and (or) legal representative of the scholarship applicant automatically confirm their consent to the processing of their personal data by the Foundation.

3.8. The scholarship is awarded for one name and cannot be transferred by one applicant of the Competition to another.

3.9. Applying the documents for the Competition means that the scholarship applicant shares the goals of the Competition program and confirms their agreement with all conditions for the Competition set forth herein and is ready to fully comply therewith.

3.10. Applications for the Competition are accepted in 2 (two) languages: Kazakh, Russian.

**IV. Stages of competitive selection.**

4.1. The Competition includes 2 (two) rounds, at the end of which the winners are selected.

4.2. **The first round of the Competition** is held from **14 to 21 July 2023 inclusive:**

1) all applications received within the specified period are evaluated in absentia by independent experts according to the following criteria:

1. application quality;
2. financial status;
3. GPA of the certificate/diploma of graduation from the college;
4. UNT/GPA score ;
5. motivation for training and obtaining a specialty;
6. other.
7. Applicants passing to the second round of the Competition receive an email from the Foundation. The lists of those qualified for the second round of the Competition are also published on the Foundation's website: **yessenovfoundation.org** and on social media pages of the Foundation: Facebook, Instagram. At the end of the first round of the Competition, at least 20 (twenty) applicants are selected.
8. The results of the first qualifying round of the Competition will be announced **no later than July 23, 2023.**

4.3. The second round of the Competition is held from **July 24 to August 07, 2023 inclusive:**

1) the participants of the second round of the Competition are interviewed personally and in a group. The interview is conducted by experts and employees of the Foundation. If an applicant is under the age of 18 (eighteen) years, the interview is conducted in the presence of their parents and (or) legal representatives.

**The following qualities of applicants for the Competition are evaluated:**

1. clarity and reasoning in goal setting;
2. learning ability and the ability to quickly perceive and analyze new information;
3. emotional intelligence;
4. empathy;
5. organizational skills;
6. communication skills;
7. ability to adapt to a new situation and find unconventional approach;
8. active life position;
9. and others.

2) The duration of the interview is up to 60 (sixty) minutes, work in groups up to 2 hours. The interview is conducted using interactive methods of communication. Based on the results of the interview, 10 (ten) people are selected - the winners of the Competition program.

4.4. The list of winners of the Competition is published on the Foundation's website: **yessenovfoundation.org** and on social media pages of the Foundation: Facebook, Instagram - **August 08, 2023.**

**V. Terms and conditions of the scholarship award and payment.**

5.1. The foundation sends a letter of guarantee to the Winners of the competition on tuition fees for one academic year to sign an agreement between the winner and the university.

5.2. After providing a document on admission to the university, the Foundation enters into a sponsorship agreement with the winner of the Competition. If the winner of the Competition is under the age of 18 (eighteen) years, then the sponsorship agreement is concluded by the Foundation with their parents and (or) legal representatives.

5.3. The recipient who has concluded a sponsorship agreement is obliged to comply with the following terms of the agreement:

* + 1. to study at the University in accordance with its rules and requirements;
		2. to succeed in the study of the University in all disciplines on "good" and "excellent". The progress data must be confirmed by a copy of the record book / extract from the examination sheet / transcript, which the Recipient provides at the request of the Foundation within 5 (five) calendar days from the date of the request;
		3. actively participate in student scientific and practical conferences;
		4. actively participate in the public life of the University;
		5. to disseminate information about the Foundation in any acceptable form that ensures the positive reputation of the Foundation, as well as distribute information and advertising materials provided by the Foundation;
		6. to bring information to the Foundation about their achievements and victories in university, republican, international olympiads, competitions; about invitation and participation in republican and international conferences, forums, etc.; publications of articles of a scientific nature as an author or co-authorship as part of a group of researchers, etc.;
		7. to grant the Foundation the right to use and quote articles published by the Program winner free of charge, unless there are other restrictions on this;
		8. at the request of the Foundation, to participate in filming, info sessions and other communication activities;
		9. to provide information at the request of the Foundation no later than three working days from the receipt of the request to the e-mail specified in the application;
		10. on demand of the Foundation to provide assistance in its activities and programs;
		11. at the request of the Foundation to provide personal photos, text and video materials from the place of study / work / internship / social events, etc.) (**in photos and videos, the appearance and clothing of people should be neat and have a secular character**), as well as to participate in photo and video sessions during the events of the Foundation, in order to create success stories on the resources of the foundation and other publications that have a motivational goal for the youth of Kazakhstan;
		12. when fulfilling their obligations under the Contract, the Program winner and the Foundation employees shall refrain from committing, encouraging to commit actions that violate or contribute to the violation of the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan, including in the field of anti-corruption, shall not pay, offer to pay or allow the payment of any money or value, directly or indirectly, to any persons to influence the actions or decisions of these persons with the purpose of obtaining any unlawful advantages or achieving other unlawful goals.

5.4. The payment of scholarship is made by the Foundation only on the basis of the agreement concluded between the Foundation and the winner of the Competition, who has become a university student. Payment for tuition is made by the Foundation to the current account of the university. Scholarship payment, under subparagraph b, paragraph 1.4. of these Regulations, is made by the Foundation, to the bank account of the winner of the Competition.

5.5. All questions regarding the Competition and (or) the Regulations, refer to the authorized persons of the Foundation:

**- Sultan Aigerim**, e-mail: **aigerim.s@yessenovfoundation.org****, phone:** +7701 627 96 07;

- **Nasymbaeva Umitkhanym**, e-mail**: umitkhanym.n@yessenovfoundation.org, phone:** +7 771 759 59 44;

5.5. The Foundation may request from the university the winner of the Competition studies at, additional information and (or) documents regarding the winner of the Competition (scholarship holder) studying at the expense of the scholarship of the Foundation.

5.6. The Foundation reserves the right to check the information provided by any legal means and to exclude any scholarship applicant from the Competition program, in case of misleading information provided and (or) documents.

5.7. The Foundation reserves the right to deny clarifications about the motives and reasons for the decisions made on applicants for the Competition for the scholarships of the Foundation.