

REGULATION
on Scholarship Competition of Acamedic Shakhmardan Yessenov
Science and Education Foundation

I. 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 25 (twenty five) fellows for a period of 12 (twelve) months. Scholarships are paid from May 2020 to April 2021, for students of 2-3 undergraduate courses, 1 graduate course, 1 internship, which study in the specialties listed in paragraph 2.1. Only 25 (twenty five) scholarship winners are selected from among the contestants.

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

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

II. Requirements to applicants for a scholarship of Shakhmardan Yessenov.

2.1. The scholarship applicant may be a student studying at a Kazakhstan university in natural sciences, technical, medical and IT specialties.

2.2. 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.

2.3. The applicant must declare and confirm documented active participation in the scientific, public life of his/her university.

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.

III. Scholarship award procedure.

3.1. Scholarship of Shakhmardan Yessenov is awarded to 25 (twenty-five) students from among the best students of the 2-3 year undergraduate courses, 1st year of master's program, 1st year of internship studying in the specialties specified in paragraph II, which meet the following requirements:

a) have "good" and "excellent" grades for the current year of study (average GPA score not lower than 3.0);

- b) actively participate in student scientific and technical conferences;
- c) actively participate in the public life of the institute and the university.

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, Telegram.

3.5. The scholarship is awarded once a year and is paid for 12 months from May 2020 to April 2021.

3.6. 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:

- 2.1. ID card photocopy;
- 2.2. Statement titled “What have I done and am doing for the science in Kazakhstan? What is important for me and why?” (the statement may be filed only in writing);
- 2.3. Transcript of a student (average GPA score not lower than 3.0), applications with the score below 3.0 are not considered;
- 2.4. Copy of a Diploma of Higher Education for the students of the master’s program (bachelor, specialist).

Supplementary documents:

- 2.5. Scientific Certificates/Diplomas – not more than 2 certificates*;
- 2.6. Certificates for social activity and volunteering - not more than 3 certificates *;
- 2.7. Publication– not more than 2 publications*;

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

3.7. The applications are accepted on the website of the Foundation **from 20 January to 20 February 2020.**

Acceptance of applications will end on February 20, 2020. at 15:00 according to the time of Nur Sultan (GMT + 6). Applications received after the deadline are not considered.

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

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

3.10. 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.

3.11. Applications are accepted in 3 (three) languages: Kazakh, English, Russian.

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 24 February to 10 March 2020.:

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

- high academic potential (including erudition in the designated area of interest; novelty of approaches; good academic results);
- availability of scientific publications related to the specialty;
- activity in student life;
- volunteer experience;
- and other.

- 2) The average GPA transcript score must be at least 3.0.
- 3) 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 50 students are selected. The results of the first qualifying round will be announced no later than March 11.

4.3 The second round is held 25-31 March 2020:

1) Participants in the second round are invited to face-to-face selection, which is held in the form of a business game. In the process of this game, the following qualities of students are evaluated by independent experts and psychologists on a five-point scale:

- leadership skills;
- teamwork skill;
- clarity and reasoning when setting tasks;
- learning ability and ability to quickly perceive and analyze new information;
- organizational skills;
- communication skills;
- ability to adapt to a new situation and find innovative solutions;
- patriotism;
- knowledge of Kazakh, English and Russian languages;
- other.

2) The duration of the business game is 4 hours. The competition is held in Almaty or Nur-Sultan. At the end of the second round of the scholarship competition, 25 students are selected. If necessary, the Shakhmardan Yessenov Foundation may conduct additional testing of applicants.

3) Participants of the second round are paid for travel to the venue for full-time round-trip tours (train ticket), as well as accommodation in the city of selection (no more than one day). Place of residence is determined by the Foundation.

4.4. The list of winners of the Scholarship Competition is published on the Foundation's website before 5 April 2020.

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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