

Student Application Form – 2024 Entry

For Caymanian Applicants to any UWC School or College

Section A: Applicant Information

Section B: Essay (up to 300 words)

Section C: Parent & Guardian Information & Consent (Signatures required)

Section D: Two teacher references, which may be submitted directly by the teacher or along with this application.

Full transcripts must also all be included with the application. We encourage potential applicants to begin the process of obtaining these documents as soon as possible.

Application forms (including references) may be typed or handwritten (in dark ink only). Please complete all sections and ensure all information is clear and legible, particularly contact details.

Please find out as much as possible about UWC before going ahead with your application. It is very important for applicants and their parent(s)/guardian(s) to understand all local policies, the aims of the movement, and the commitment involved, including financially.

Section E contains a short outline, including the local selection criteria and process. Further information can also be found at ky.uwc.org and uwc.org. Candidates will be short-listed on the basis of the information in their application forms, references, and other documentation required by the Selection Committee. Applicants may also attach additional information to this form but must ensure this information is directly relevant to the application and not excessive in length.

The decisions of UWC national committees are recommendations to Heads of UWC schools and colleges only, not firm offers of placement. A nominated candidate will be enrolled at a UWC school or college *only after* having received written acceptance by the Head of the school or college to which the nomination has been made. This process should be completed by early May, with preliminary notification of provisional offers to nominate anticipated in mid March.

The UWC movement encourages all graduates to return to their home country after completing their education and training. Applicants should show a commitment to return to the Cayman Islands if possible to use their experiences, skills and knowledge to assist in the development of their own nation and the furtherance of peace, understanding and justice in the local context.

Parents/guardians are, together with the applicant, responsible for signing this form. However, the decision to apply to UWC must lie, above all, with applicants themselves.

This fully completed **Student Application Form** and **supporting documents** must be submitted electronically to uwccaymanislands@gmail.com. If you have difficulties submitting electronically, please contact us as soon as possible via email or 925-9746. We can accept via mail or in person. For all other inquiries, email is preferred.

ALL applications must be RECEIVED by Friday, 1 March 2024

*The personal data you provide in this Student Application Form will be processed by the **United World Colleges (Cayman Islands) National Foundation Ltd** (“UWC Cayman Islands”) in order to select Caymanian students for provisional offers of nomination to UWC schools and colleges. To learn more about our commitment to data protection and your rights, visit ky.uwc.org/privacy.*

Section A Applicant information (to be completed by applicant)

Last name(s)	_____	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> Photograph can be attached separately </div>
First name(s)	_____	
Date of birth* (dd/mm/yy)	_____	
Sex (tick as appropriate)	<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male	
Citizenship(s)	_____	
Are you Caymanian? [†]	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Home language(s)	_____	
Other language(s)	_____	
Physical address	_____	

PO Box	_____ KY - _____	
Telephone	_____	
E-mail	_____	

***Please note** Applicants must be **16 or 17 years old on 1 September 2024** There are no exceptions.

†Please note UWC Cayman Islands only accepts applications from **Caymanian students**. Proof of this immigration status will be requested if you proceed to the final stage of the selection process.

How did you hear about UWC? Please check all options below that apply.

School presentation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Media - IG/FB/etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____ <i>(please specify)</i>
UWC scholar/graduate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Family member/friend	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Written news article	<input type="checkbox"/>	Television/radio interview	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <i>(please explain)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____		

All national committee candidates apply generally to UWC's two-year, pre-university International Baccalaureate Diploma programme. All 18 UWC schools and colleges provide life-changing experiences and are equally regarded. Each national committee has places at a limited number of schools and colleges each year and **scholars will not always be placed at a preferred school or college**. Candidates selected for interview may discuss preferences/limitations with the Selection Committee during this interview. However, successful candidates receive **provisional offers of nomination** to a **specific school or college**, which are **FINAL and NOT negotiable**. By completing this Student Application Form you acknowledge that you understand this policy.

1. Current school _____
2. List all of your **present subjects** (including the examination council if relevant, e.g. CXC, IGCSE, BTEC, AP) and **most recent grades** below. If you have already taken one or more external examination, please also list your grade and note “(final)” next to the subject.
Do not leave this section blank or omit any ‘O’ level examinations/equivalent.

Please note You must **also** enclose an **official record of all high school grades**, i.e. your full school transcript and/or report cards from year 9 (or equivalent) through the current year and all external examination results, if any. Original documents are not required but may be requested if you are selected for nomination. If you have taken the PSAT or any other standardised test, please also attach your results to this application.

3. If you have ideas for what you would like to study at university or do for a career please give details below.

4. Are you a member of any organisations or clubs? Please give details.

5. List any positions of responsibility or leadership you have held or currently hold (at school and/or outside school).

6. Describe any activities you have taken part in which serve others.

7. If you have a strong creative or artistic interest, please give details.

8. Describe any physical activities or sports that you regularly pursue.

9. Describe any special interests or achievements you would like the Selection Committee to know about. *(Please do not attach a large number of certificates, press clippings or similar documents to your application. Supporting documents are not required for achievements that may be described below.)*

By my signature below, I certify that the information provided in and in connection with this application, including my essay in Section B, is true, accurate and complete. I understand any false statements or deliberate omissions in the information I submit to the Selection Committee or alteration/falsification of this form or any of documents enclosed with this application or provided at a later date may be grounds for disqualification from selection or, if discovered after I have been nominated to a UWC school/college, could result in disciplinary action up to and including my expulsion and/or the national committee withdrawing support as a UWC Cayman Islands scholar, including funding.

I also certify that I have discussed all aspects of the commitment involved with applying for entry to a UWC school/college with my parent(s)/guardian(s) and this application has his/her/their full approval.

Signature of applicant _____

Date (dd/mm/yy) _____

Section B Essay (to be completed by applicant)

In the space below, please write a statement of not more than 300 words explaining why you are interested in attending a UWC school or college. Describe both what you might contribute and what you would hope to gain. If desired, you may include a description of your background, family and any experiences you have had in meeting people from other backgrounds than your own.

Section C Parent/guardian information & consent (to be completed by parents/guardians)

Please note **BOTH parents or legal guardians must provide the information below and sign this section.**
Exceptions are allowed if only one parent has legal parental responsibility. Proof of this status must be attached, i.e. applicant's birth certificate, parent's death certificate, order of custody/care, other legal agreement/determination.

Full name of **parent/guardian 1** _____

Physical and
mailing address

E-mail _____

Telephone (day) _____ (evening) _____

Full name of **parent/guardian 2** _____

Physical and
mailing address
*(if different from
parent/guardian 1)*

Email _____

Telephone (day) _____ (evening) _____

If there is anything of special note you would like to bring to the attention of the Selection Committee, please explain below or attach a separate letter. Final candidates will also be asked to submit further information, including physical mental/health concerns and details of relevant disabilities or special needs to ensure scholars are able to receive adequate support.

By my signature below, I certify the information provided in and in connection with this application is true, accurate and complete. I understand any false statements or deliberate omissions in this information or alteration/falsification of this form or of enclosed documents may be grounds for the disqualification of my son/daughter/ward from selection or, if discovered after my son/daughter/ward has been nominated to a UWC school/college, could result in disciplinary action by the school/college up to and including expulsion of my son/daughter/ward and/or the national committee withdrawing support for my son/daughter/ward as a UWC Cayman Islands scholar, including funding.

I have read this entire application by my son/daughter/ward. We have also discussed all aspects of the commitment involved and the application has my full approval. I understand that if my son/daughter/ward is a final candidate I may be required to complete a family contribution form (which is reviewed *only* if my son/daughter/ward is selected) and that any nomination offer made by UWC Cayman Islands will be provisional and may include a scholarship award. I further understand that, if my son/daughter/ward is offered nomination to a UWC college, the placement at a specific college is fully at the discretion of the national committee, final, and not negotiable (though offers may be declined).

Signature of parent/guardian 1

Signature of parent/guardian 2

Date (dd/mm/yy):

Date (dd/mm/yy):

Section D School report 1 (to be completed by applicant's teacher or a person with a similar relationship)

We would be grateful if you would write a brief assessment of the applicant's suitability for attending a UWC school or college. Information about the United World Colleges movement and the two-year International Baccalaureate programme can be found at www.uwc.org. Please include comments on:

- Academic ability (including present and, if possible, previous years' performance and any changes)
- Personality and character
- Non-academic interests and activities

Please also rate the applicant on the grid below. Any further comments in relation to these attributes can be made in the box above or on a separate piece of paper.

	No basis	Poor	Adequate	Good	Excellent	Outstanding
Ability to work with others						
Adaptability						
Communication abilities						
Concern for others						
Creativity						
Energy						
Initiative						
Maturity and balance						
Motivation						
Openness of personality						
Self-confidence						
Self-discipline						

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Full name _____ Position _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Your reference may be submitted through the applicant or directly to uwccaymanislands@gmail.com. Personal data will be used by the United World Colleges (Cayman Islands) National Foundation to determine the applicant's suitability for selection as a UWC scholar.

Section D School report 2 (to be completed by applicant's teacher or a person with a similar relationship)

We would be grateful if you would write a brief assessment of the applicant's suitability for attending a UWC school or college. Information about the United World Colleges movement and the two-year International Baccalaureate programme can be found at www.uwc.org. Please include comments on:

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Section E Information about UWC and general conditions of entry

UWC (formerly United World Colleges) is unique. It is the only global educational movement that brings together young people from all over the world with the explicit aim of fostering international understanding, peace and justice. UWC schools, colleges and programmes deliver a challenging and transformative educational experience to a diverse cross section of young people, inspiring them to create a more peaceful and sustainable future. A UWC education features high academic standards, a strong emphasis on community service, and a wide range of cultural, creative and outdoor activities.

All 18 schools and colleges provide a holistic education guided by a distinguished curriculum. UWC is committed to educating the whole person and students study for the challenging and balanced International Baccalaureate Diploma, a qualification recognised by the world's leading universities. The language of instruction is English. UWC Costa Rica also offers some courses in Spanish.

How to apply

Only Caymanian students apply through UWC Cayman Islands. Non-Caymanian residents can get more information about the national committee/selection contact in their country of citizenship and possibly specific application and selection criteria at www.uwc.org. There are alternatively a limited number of unfunded places at some UWCs through the Global Selection Programme, particularly for those unable to apply through a national committee. Visit uwc.org/gsp for more information.

The selection process in the Cayman Islands includes a written application, individual interview and group stage. All UWC selection committees look for open-minded applicants who will thrive in an intensive, multicultural environment. They also search for academic potential; a commitment to community service; any 'grand passions' such as music, drama or sport; and enthusiasm for UWC's mission and ideals. Applicants with disabilities, mental/physical health conditions or special needs who are qualified and self-sufficient in everyday needs are encouraged to apply and to disclose this information to assist in placement at colleges that have adequate facilities if the student is selected.

This written application is due Friday, 1 March 2024 and can be submitted before that date. Half-hour individual interviews will likely take place the week of 12 - 15 March, 2024. Further information on the process will be provided to each student who is shortlisted.

Nominations and scholarship funding

Students are selected for UWC only on the basis of merit, regardless of background and ability to pay. Though families are expected to contribute to school fees and other basic costs, including travel, in accordance with their means, nearly all of our students receive substantial scholarships.

UWC Cayman Islands raises funds from alumni/families, foundations, businesses, non-governmental organisations and other sources and **is committed to meeting the full financial need of every Caymanian UWC scholar**. We assess expected family contributions for successful candidates *only after the selection process has been completed*. Final candidates will be asked to complete a Family Contribution Form and provide this in a sealed envelope during the group stage. If a candidate is not selected for nomination, this Form will then be returned to the family unopened.

Provisional offers to nominate students to UWC colleges will include the **specific college**, amount of **scholarship funding** (if any), full details of all **additional basic expenses**, and our **expectations** of all UWC scholars. The successful candidate and his/her family will also meet with UWC Cayman Islands representatives in person or via video chat in mid to late **March** in order to discuss the provisional offer in more detail. More information on family contributions and scholarships will be provided to parents of final candidates, and our policy & procedures are also available at any time on request.

More information

For more information about the UWC movement or specific colleges, please visit ky.uwc.org. If you have any further questions please contact uwccaymanislands@gmail.com.