

IVY SCHOLARSHIP



INTRODUCTION

This is an award designed to allow students who would not otherwise be able to afford to study at CATS Academy. It is intended for students of any nationality who are likely to be strong candidates for a successful application to an Ivy League university.

ELIGIBILITY FOR AWARD

Students are eligible for the award if they are joining CATS Academy Boston to study at least a two year high school diploma.

Students must not be currently studying or have previously studied at any CATS College.

NATURE OF AWARD

VALUE OF AWARD

The award is for the full value of tuition and catered accommodation. It does not include other expenses incurred by the student while studying in the US.

DURATION OF AWARD

The award is tenable throughout the student's duration at CATS Academy.

APPLICATION PERIOD

Application windows will be recommended by Regional Sales Managers in accordance with the needs of local recruitment timescales.

NUMBER OF AWARDS

There is no fixed limit to the number of awards that may be made, although it is unlikely that more than five would be made in any given year.

AWARD PROCESS

IVY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PANEL (ISAP)

This panel is chaired by the Managing Director of CATS. The panel consists of the Director of Admissions, the Director of College Counseling, the Head of School and one senior academic from the Academy. Collectively, the panel will review all applications and make recommendations to the Managing Director of CATS.



INITIAL SELECTION

PRE-SCREENING BY RECRUITMENT TEAM

Likely students will be pre-assessed informally by members of the CATS Academy recruitment team locally. This informal assessment will consider whether students are likely to be of the right standard to continue with a formal assessment processes.

- To be suitable, the local recruitment team must be satisfied that:
- The student is motivated to study in the US;
- The student is motivated to study at an Ivy League University;
- The student's parents support the application to the US;
- The student is in the top 5% of their current school class ranking;
- The student has a clear interest in an area of academic study;
- The student has strong English language skills, plus:
 - Grade 10: a minimum GPA of 3.5/4 or 8.8/10, minimum score of 90 on TOEFL, 6.5 on IELTS
 - Grade 11: a minimum GPA of 3.8/4 or 9.5/10, minimum score of 100 on TOEFL, 7.0 on IELTS

MATERIAL TO BE PROVIDED TO THE ISAP

APPLICATION FORM

The applicant must fill in an Ivy Scholarship application form. The form must be countersigned by the member of the CATS Academy recruitment team who has pre-screened the student, and details of the pre-screen must be filled in. The form should be returned to the ISAP via the CATS Managing Director, along with the other material below.

ESSAY

The student will be asked to write an extended answer in English of no more than 500 words to the following question:

1. What makes you unique?

Plus, an extended answer in English of no more than 500 words to one of the following questions. The answers may be handwritten or typed.

1. If a self-driving car has a road traffic accident, who is responsible?
2. Is it appropriate for governments to spend money on exploring space while some people in the world do not have clean drinking water?
3. Should parents be allowed to use genetic engineering to make their babies more intelligent?
4. Is it important to study history at school?
5. Does $1 + 1$ always equal 2?
6. Can a child's painting be considered a work of art?
7. Approximately how many tennis balls are there in Australia?

TRANSCRIPT

Transcripts/reports for the current year and all previous high school years will be required. These must have no unexplained gaps. Where these are in different languages, the ISAP will seek help in interpreting and translating them as appropriate.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

The student will be required to write a personal statement setting out the student's academic interests, and his or her motivation for further study in the US.

- The statement must be a maximum of 500 words.
- The statement must be in English.
- The statement must be handwritten.

RECOMMENDATION FROM CURRENT SCHOOL

The student must supply an academic recommendation from a Math and English teacher from his or her current school and one personal reference of the student's choice.

SECOND PHASE SELECTION

If the ISAP are satisfied with the personal statement, transcripts, reference and essay answers, they will invite the student to second phase selection.

INITIAL INTERVIEW

Students will have an academic interview with a member of the ISAP. They will be asked about their essay answers, and they will also be asked about their academic interests and motivation for study.

The interview will last approximately 30 minutes and is likely to be conducted by Skype.

TEST

Students will be required to sit an assessment test (SSAT) which can be booked via the SSAT website.

The test will take 110 minutes, or about two hours: Quantitative (Math) section: 30 questions, 30 minutes.

Verbal section: 30 questions, 20 minutes.

EXAMPLES OF SCHOOL WORK

Students will be asked to provide examples of recent school work in a relevant subject for the ISAP to review. At least one piece must be in English.

PRINCIPAL'S INTERVIEW

Students will have a final interview with the Head of School.

This will be a wide-ranging interview across any appropriate topics, and will seek to understand more about the student and his/her general aptitude and suitability.

It is likely to last up to 30 minutes and be conducted via Skype.

FINAL APPROVAL

Second phase students will be considered by the ISAP once their application has been completed. The ISAP will make a recommendation to the CATS Managing Director if it believes the student is likely to be a strong Ivy League candidate in October of his or her final year.

MANAGING DIRECTOR

The CATS Managing Director will make a final decision, consulting further if necessary- this decision is final, and there is no appeal.

COMPLETION OF APPLICATION

The student, once approved, may complete the normal application process.

UNSUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

Students who reach the second stage but are unsuccessful may be considered for lower value scholarships. These awards will be discussed between the Managing Director of CATS and regional recruitment managers.

MAINTENANCE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship is subject to termly review by the ISAP and it may be withdrawn at the sole discretion of the Managing Director of CATS on the recommendation of the ISAP.

Students will be required to maintain appropriate standards to continue to receive the award, including:

- Appropriate academic marks and grades;
- High standards of behaviour in and out of the classroom;
- High levels of active participation in lessons and other activities;
- Appropriate engagement in the university preparation and application process.

OTHER CONDITIONS

Students must make a valid application to CATS Academy and must satisfy all the conditions for general admission, including visa conditions imposed by SEVIS where appropriate. There is no cash alternative, and the award is at the absolute discretion of the CATS Managing Director. Awards are non-transferable between students and between courses.

MISCELLANEOUS

Students receiving Ivy scholarships will be treated as full fee-paying students for the purpose of new student commission to agents. Students receiving Ivy scholarships will be treated as full fee-paying students for the purpose of CEG recruitment bonus calculations.

