

# Scholarships - Frequently Asked Questions

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Here you will find the Frequently Asked Questions for DISP Scholarships. If you still have any questions regarding this scholarship, please contact us @ [info@usaiddisp.com](mailto:info@usaiddisp.com).

## Program Information

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### 1. Will DISP provide scholarships for online degree programs?

Yes, DISP will provide scholarships for both **online and on campus** degree programs.

### 2. Which degrees will DISP provide scholarships for?

DISP will provide scholarships for **bachelor's, master's, PhD, diploma, and certificate** programs.

### 3. Can I apply for a bachelor's degree without my high school or GED diploma?

No. If you do not have any high school transcripts or a GED diploma, you are not eligible for a bachelor's degree program. However, you may be eligible for certificate or diploma programs. **If you have ethnic education high school transcripts**, you can apply for online bachelor's programs.

### 4. Can a married person apply for the program?

Yes.

### 5. Is there an age limitation for DISP scholarship applications?

If you are applying for a bachelor program, you should be aged 40 or under. For other programs, applicants aged 40 or younger are preferred, but applicants over 40 will be considered.

### 6. Can I remain abroad after my scholarship ends?

No, you have to return to your home country after the completion of your academic program. The objective of the program is to support promising young Myanmar leaders from diverse backgrounds and to support them in applying their leadership skills to benefit their community and Myanmar.

### 7. Which countries can I study in?

Myanmar, Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines, and Thailand.

### 8. How do I create my online scholarship application?

If you are applying for this scholarship for the first time (first-time user), you must create an account on the application management site to start a new application.

### 9. Can I apply for part-time courses?

Yes, DISP will provide scholarships for part-time online programs.

### 10. Can I apply for the DISP scholarship to study for a bachelor's, master's, PhD, or DPhil?

Yes. The programs available will be announced on our website.

### 11. Should my work experience be related to the course I want to study?

You must show that you have foundational knowledge (educational background and/or work experience) in the subject area that you are interested in studying and must prove your capability and motivation.

## Eligibility

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### **1. Are Myanmar students who are currently not residing in Myanmar eligible to apply?**

If you are from Myanmar but residing in a neighboring country, you are still eligible.

### **2. Are individuals with unfinished higher education programs in Myanmar eligible to apply?**

If you have your first-year transcripts, you may be eligible to apply for a bachelor's/ undergraduate program. If you have more than first year transcripts, you may be able to finish your undergraduate studies online with DISP. Please email the program team for inquiries.

### **3. Am I eligible to apply for undergraduate programs if I have obtained my academic credentials from non-government institutions?**

Please contact the DISP program team to confirm.

### **4. Am I eligible to apply without academic transcripts from the university?**

No, you have to provide at least a first-year transcript for a bachelor's degree (or a GED diploma and score report) for on campus bachelor's programs. For online bachelor's, there is more flexibility. You must provide a bachelor's degree transcript for a master's degree.

### **5. Am I eligible if I don't have a national registration card (NRC)?**

Yes, you can apply to online programs without a national registration card (NRC).

### **6. Can I apply without an English Language Proficiency Certification?**

You do not need to have English Language Proficiency Certification at the time of application.

### **7. Will my chance of getting in be affected if my GPA is lower than 3, even though I have a lot of community experience?**

You are still eligible, and if you have strong relevant work/community experience, you still have a chance of being selected.

### **8. Am I eligible to apply for DISP if my bachelor's degree is disrupted?**

Yes, if you have at least a first-year transcript or a GED diploma. If you are interested in credit transfer (completing your undergraduate studies online with DISP), please email the program.

### **9. Can I still apply for DISP if I do not have a valid passport?**

Yes. If you are applying for an online program, you do not need a passport. If you are applying for an on-campus program, you will need to get a valid passport if you are selected.

Applicants are advised to start the passport application/renewal process as soon as possible.

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**10. Can I apply for the DISP scholarship without any professional work experience?**

You need 1-2 years of work experience or voluntary work to be eligible for a bachelor's degree scholarship. At least two years of full-time professional work experience for a master's degree.

**11. Am I eligible to apply for a DISP scholarship if I already have a Master's Degree?**

Yes, if your master's degree is from a Myanmar institution.

**12. Am I eligible to apply if I am currently studying at the university?**

Yes, if you have at least a first-year transcript.

**Fields of Study**

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**1. Are there any priority subjects or fields of study for the DISP Scholarship Program?**

Yes, you can find the list of programs [here](#).

**2. Can I apply to a specific master's degree even if my bachelor's degree is not related to the chosen master's degree?**

Yes, but you must show some ability in the field of study, through other courses and/or experience.

**3. Can I apply to a course or subject that is not relevant to my work experience?**

If you do not have the necessary background knowledge it will be difficult to get admission to a degree program. You must show that you have foundational knowledge (education background and/or work experience) in the subject area that you are interested in. For some certificate courses, no prior knowledge or experience is required.

**Application Process**

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**1. Which documents do I need to submit with my application?**

See [here](#).

**2. Do I need to notarize my academic degree certificate?**

You do not need to submit notarized documents when you apply, but we might ask you to do so if you are shortlisted.

**3. Do I need to notarize my NRC?**

No.

**4. Is there any word limit for essays?**

Yes. You will need to submit two essays of maximum 700 words each.

**5. Please explain the formation of recommendation letters.**

We provide a suggested template, however, you are not required to follow that format. Letters should comment on your suitability to receive a DISP scholarship and your ability to

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succeed in your chosen program. Sample template will not be uploaded on the website, and it will be available only in the application form.

**6. Can the recommendation letter be in Burmese?**

English is preferable, but we will accept it in Burmese. If you are shortlisted for final selection, your recommendation letters may need to be translated into English.

**7. Can we submit two professional recommendation letters from the same organization?**

Yes, you can submit more than one recommendation letter from the same organization.

**8. Who should I ask to write the recommendation letter?**

Recommendation letters can be from people who can comment on your general suitability to receive a DISP scholarship. They should know you either in an academic or professional capacity and they CANNOT be relatives or friends.

**9. How many recommendation letters do I need to submit?**

You need to submit three recommendation letters.

**10. Can I change my personal information if I make a mistake in my application?**

It is not possible to change your personal information once you have submitted your application. If you have made a critical mistake, please email the program team.

**11. If I am having problems getting transcripts from my university for some reason, how should I proceed?**

DISP cannot advise on how you should obtain your transcripts. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure all required documents are submitted.

**12. I have already applied with one email address. Can I apply with another email address?**

No, please apply once with one email address.

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## **Application Status**

**1. How can I find out my application status?**

Whenever there is a change to your application status you will receive a notification email from the application system through the email with which you created your application account. You can also log in to your application account at any time.

**2. What should I do if I do not receive a notification email about my application status?**

If you do not receive a notification email, you can log in to your application account and check your application status.

**3. Can I edit my application after submission?**

No.

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**4. Can I send my required documents via email after the deadline if I forget to attach them to an application?**

No, you must attach all the supporting documents to the application system. You cannot send the documents via email.

**English Diagnostic Test**

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**1. Who is required to take the English Diagnostic Test?**

Once you have submitted your application, we will check if you are eligible. If you meet the basic eligibility criteria, you will have to take the TOEFL ITP Diagnostic Test. There is no fee for taking the test.

**2. When do I need to start the registration process for the English Diagnostic Test?**

You can start the registration process for the English Diagnostic Test as soon as you receive notification that you are invited to take the test.

**3. Can I retake the English Diagnostic Test if I do not get the required score?**

The applicant only has one chance to take the English Diagnostic Test.

**4. What is the required minimum score to pass the English Diagnostic Test?**

The required score is different depending on the program/degree you apply for.

**5. Do I need to take the English diagnostic test if I have a valid and official English test result like IELTS or TOEFL?**

Yes. If you are eligible and submit all the required documents, you will have to take the TOEFL ITP Diagnostic Test even if you have a valid and official English test result.

**6. Can I take the English Diagnostic Test online?**

Yes, the system we use is an online testing system.

**7. How can I prepare for the English Diagnostic Test?**

DISP will provide some sample documents for the English Diagnostic Test. You can study using TOEFL ITP study materials.

**8. Does DISP provide support for applicants with disabilities?**

Yes. If you have a disability, please include it in your application and the DISP program team will contact you to understand your needs.

**Interview Process**

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**1. Will the interview be conducted in English?**

Yes.

**2. Will DISP cover the cost of attending the interview?**

Yes, Interviews will be conducted online.

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### **3. Can my interview be held online?**

All interviews will be conducted online.

### **4. Will DISP provide information-sharing sessions for the interview process?**

Yes, DISP will hold information-sharing sessions for each process.

### **5. What if my internet is not stable on the day of the interview?**

We understand that internet stability is not in your control. If possible, you should go to a location with a more reliable internet connection for the interview time. If something happens during the interview, we will follow up.

## **Post-selection Process**

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### **1. Do I have to return to my home country after studying abroad?**

Yes, you have to return after the completion of your academic program. The goal of DISP is to strengthen the capacity of current and future community leaders of Burma to assist in achieving inclusive social and economic reform that supports the realization of a peaceful and prosperous democratic society upon their return.

### **2. Are there any costs that DISP does not cover?**

Participants' meals outside of the session (while traveling, before or after the session, etc.) and any personal travel before, during, or after the program are not covered.

### **3. Can I work part-time while attending university abroad?**

It is better if you focus fully on your studies. However, if your visa allows, you may work within those limitations.

### **4. What is the minimum GPA the scholar must maintain to retain the DISP scholarship award?**

You are expected to maintain the minimum GPA required by your program. If your GPA falls the minimum requirements, you will be on academic probation. DISP has support systems in place to help scholars who are struggling academically.

### **5. What is pre-academic training?**

DISP will provide all scholars with up to eight weeks of virtual pre-academic training to prepare you to succeed in your program. All instructors will be trained in inclusive teaching methodologies. The pre-academic subjects will vary depending on your program and your diagnostic test results.