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"WORLD IN SERBIA"

Bursaries for students from the member states and observer states of the Movement
of Non-Aligned Countries in the school year 2019/2020

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1. Introduction

The Project "World in Serbia" awarding bursaries of the Government of the Republic of Serbia to the candidates from members states and observer states of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries (hereinafter: MNAC), has successfully been realised ever since the school year 2010/2011.

Owing to the Project, the Republic of Serbia has the honour to be the host to the youth coming from 53 states from Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Traditional hospitality of our people, and a responsible attitude of teachers and staff from the student standard facilities providing residence to students, have enable dthe bursars from all over the world to feel welcome and able to adapt to the lifestyle in the Republic of Serbia.

The Project "World in Serbia" provides exceptional conditions, ensuring the bursars with accommodation and food in the system of student standard of the Republic of Serbia, health insurance and financial bursaries in the monthly amount of 15,000 RSD. Such conditions of bursaries allocation, as well as the reception provided to the bursars, have undoubtedly contributed to a huge interest among the member states and the observer states of the MNAC for new bursaries.

In all bilateral dialogues led between the representatives of the Republic of Serbia and the representatives of the member states and observer states of the MNAC, pleasure with the achieved cooperation within the Project was expressed as well as the interest in continuation of cooperation, including the states which have not applied their students up until this moment.

For the purpose of granting affirmation to the Republic of Serbia and its culture, tradition, higher education and policy of good relations, cooperation and mutual respect in all state members and observer states of the MNAC, the Republic of Serbia is going to offer new 200 bursaries to the states.

The following specific objectives of the Project "World in Serbia" are distinguishable:

1. Providing possibilities to young people from other cultures to be introduced to the Republic of Serbia, its language, culture and tradition.
2. Providing possibilities to young people from the Republic of Serbia to meet colleagues from various continents, their culture, values and tradition.
3. Affirmation of the Republic of Serbia, as the state and the system of higher education, through its bursars - future promoters of professional ties between our country and their countries of origin.

2. Project partners

The Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia is governing the realisation of the Project. An employee from the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development is delegated for managing the activities of Project realisation coordination. Aside from the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development, the following institutions are involved in Project realisation: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Health in accordance with the law as well as the Universities of the Republic of Serbia and other institutions according to the students' needs.

3. Project description

3.1. Project realisation stages

The Project envisions awarding bursaries to the member states citizens and to the citizens of the observer states of the MNAC proposed by the governments of their countries, to be realised in two stages:

The Project bursars attend an online course for learning Serbian language (level A1) in the first stage. After successfully passing the test, the bursars have intense course in Serbian language after arriving to the Republic of Serbia lasting 720 classes (one semester). Project bursars with knowledge of Serbian language, do not attend the course, but instead they sit for the test in the Serbian language, take the enrolling exam in the September enrolling deadline and write the desired studied in the school year 2019/2020.

The Project also envisions assistance by the students (bursars), to be providing support to the bursars as of the moment of their arrival to the airport, reception upon arriving to the country, across the support for the purpose of performing all administrative, organisational and other needs of bursars in the period from their arrival to the Republic of Serbia until their enrollment in the first year of studies,

In the second stage of the Project, it is envisioned to sit for the studies according to the interests of bursars, in accordance with the suggested study programmes in Serbian language or lessons in Serbian with the possibility of consultations in English on higher education institutions the founder of which was the Republic of Serbia, which are being part of the University of Belgrade, the University of Novi Sad, University of Kragujevac and the University of Niš.

3.2. Structure of bursaries within the Project

Bursaries within the Project **include the following**:

- free of charge preparatory lessons in Serbian language (online course and an intense course in Serbian language after arriving to the Republic of Serbia)
- free of charge education on Bachelor academic and vocational studies, specialist vocational studies, Master's degree academic and vocational studies, specialist academic or PhD studies
- bursaries in the amount of 15.000,00 RSD a month;
- free of charge accommodation and food in the student standard facilities
- mandatory health insurance
- free of charge residential visa
- free of charge verification of secondary education diploma
- free of charge verification of higher education diploma.

The bursaries **do not include** the following:

- travel expenses upon arriving to and leaving the Republic of Serbia
- expense of public transport in the Republic of Serbia
- expenses of purchasing textbooks and work material during the studies.

Bursary in the amount of 15,000.00 RSD a month enables covering the city transportation expenses, but also the expenses upon purchasing textbooks and work material during the studies.

We recommend the bursars to bring a certain amount of money with themselves for the purpose of covering expenses which are not fully covered by the bursary and also for settling personal needs.

3.3. Requirements for winning the bursaries

The bursaries can be won by the candidates meeting the following requirements:

- candidate must be the citizen of a member state and the observer state of the MNAC
- candidate must be proposed by the competent authority of the Project member state
- candidate must be younger than:
 - 21 for first degree studies - Bachelor academic studies, Bachelor vocational studies
 - 25 for specialist vocational studies of first degree and for the second degree studies - Master's degree academic studies, Master's degree vocational studies, specialist academic studies
 - 35 for third degree studies - PhD in academic studies.
- has adequate education:

- for enrolling in the Bachelor academic/vocational studies - has acquired education lasting four years;
- for enrolling in the Master's degree academic studies:
 - in the scope of 60 ECTS credits - with a suitable diploma from a higher education institution acquired on Bachelor academic studies with at least 240 ECTS credits
 - in the scope of 120 ECTS credits - with a suitable diploma from a higher education institution acquired on Bachelor academic studies with at least 180 ECTS credits
- for enrolling in PhD academic studies - with a suitable diploma from a higher education institution acquired on Master's degree academic studies, i.e. integrated academic studies with at least 300 ECTS credits
- for enrolling in specialist/Master's degree academic studies - with a suitable diploma from a higher education institution acquired on Bachelor academic studies with at least 180 ECTS credits
- with a conversational level of English or Serbian language proficiency.

3.4. Application documentation

Documentation to be delivered by the candidate upon enrolling:

- competition application with information on two study programmes the candidate wishes to attend in accordance with the previous education and requirements for enrolling in the desired study programme in the Republic of Serbia
- CV with the letter of motivation in English or Serbian;
- photocopy of travel document (passport);
- evidence on acquired education - certified photocopy of documents (secondary education certificates, diploma on completed secondary education, diplomas on acquired higher education, Master's degree diplomas, transcripts of grades and supplements to the diploma) translated into Serbian/English;
- evidence on English or Serbian language conversational proficiency (certificate, certification, verification, etc.);
- medical certificate not older than six months certifying that the candidate does not suffer from an infectious disease;
- certificate that the candidate is HIV negative;

3.5. Application deadline

Deadline for sending the application forms with the accompanying documents is **27th September 2019**.

3.6. Obligations of the Project bursar

A bursar shall:

- bring the original documents (secondary education certificates, diploma on completed secondary education, diplomas on acquired higher education, Master's degree diplomas, transcripts of grades and supplements to the diploma) translated into Serbian/English;
- bring the original medical certificate not older than six months certifying that the candidate does not suffer from an infectious disease, upon arriving to the Republic of Serbia;
- bring the original certificate that the candidate is HIV negative;
- pass the exam in Serbian language before commencing studies in the faculties of the universities in the Republic of Serbia;
- obtain 37 ECTS credits required for enrolling in the next year of studies, was part of the enrolled study programme during a school year;
- respect the rules of the Republic of Serbia and the enactments of a higher education institution where the candidate is realising bursary;
- compensate all the damage incurred in the premises of the student standard institution and higher education institution;
- respect the rules of behaviour prescribed by the statute of the higher education institution;
- respect the rules of behaviour and the house rules of the student standard institution;
- regulate temporary residence and timely pass the request for its extension period when the conditions are met, in accordance with the provisions of the Law on Foreigners ("Official Gazette of the RS, No 24/2018. 31/2019);
- timely, and not later than 30 days from the day of entry into force, inform the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development on all the changes relevant for the status of the bursary within the Project (graduation, dropping out, etc.);
- return to the state proposing the bursar for the receiving bursary as part of the Project, following the termination of studies.

The bursars attending PhD studies shall:

- pass exams envisioned by the study programme for a specific year of studying;
- submit the certificate on verified topics for science and research work envisioned by the study programme;

- submit the certificate on registered thesis proposal (since the exams, science and research works and theses bring a certain number of ECTS credits).

3.7. Reasons for losing the bursary

A bursar shall lose the bursary in case:

- he/she fails to pass the Serbian language proficiency test with a passing grade;
- he/she fails to obtain 37 ECTS credits during a school year as part of the enrolled study programme, envisioned for enrolling in the following year of studies with the student status funded from the budget being part of the Project, in accordance with the general enactment of the higher education institution governing the rules for enrolling in the following year of studies;
- he/she commits a serious breach of student obligations, envisioned by the general enactment of the higher education institution, in accordance with the law;
- he/she is convicted to a prison sentence lasting at least six months on probation or with a more serious conviction;
- he/she quits bursary use based on a personal decision.

Bursars on PhD studies shall lose their bursaries in case:

- they fail to obtain 37 ECTS credits required for enrolling in the following year of studies;
- fail to pass the remaining exams in the following school year;
- they do not bring the certificate verifying the approval of their science and research works topics envisioned by their study programmes;
- they do not submit the certificate of registered thesis;
- they fail to defend their PhD thesis within the legally prescribed deadline.

3.8. General provisions on studying within the Project

A bursar may have professional development within the Project on only one study programme.

A bursar shall be obliged to obtain 37 ECTS credits during a school year within the enrolled study programme, which are required for enrolling in the following year of studies with the student status funded from the budget as part of the Project, in accordance with the general enactment of the higher education institution governing the conditions for enrolling in the following year of studies;

A bursar who managed to realise 37 ECTS credits during his/her studies in each school year, shall keep the right to receiving the bursary for one more school year after finishing the final year of his/her study programme.

Students who lost their bursaries can recuperate their bursary beneficiary status for the following year only, in case they obtain 37 ECTS credits.

A bursar shall be obliged to attend the enrolled study programme, whereby it is impossible for the bursar to transfer to another study programme within the Project.

A bursar unable to obtain a sufficient number of ECTS credits envisioned for enrolling in the following year of studies with the student status funded from the budget, during the entire school year due to a serious disease, is entitled to enroll for the second time in the same year of studies, and keep the right to using the bursary. Complete medical documentation (with the certificate from the doctors committee from an institution giving medical treatment to the bursar, proving the case of a serious disease) shall be submitted by the bursar to the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development by the end of the ongoing school year and/or by 30th September.

A bursar shall pass all the remaining exams during the repeated school year, and/or obtain the sufficient number of ECTS credits required for enrolling in the following year of studies. Conversely, the bursar shall lose the right to keeping the bursary beneficiary status.

A bursar shall be obliged to find information on the rights and liabilities pertaining to the rules of temporary residence in the Republic of Serbia with the competent authorities.

Higher education institutions covered by the Project shall submit the reports on the request of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development on the progress of a bursar at least twice a year (within fifteen days as of the end of the winter term and/or the summer term).

Higher education institutions covered by the Project shall be obliged to timely, and not later than 30 days from the day of entry into force, inform the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development on all changes relevant for the bursary beneficiary status within the Project (graduation, dropping out, etc.).

4. Proposing and selecting candidates

Every Project member state should appoint candidates proposed for receiving bursaries within the Project. Each registered candidate should meet the conditions required for receiving the bursary.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall deliver to the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development an integrated list of proposed candidates as well as their applications with the complete documentation of all registered candidates.

The minister competent for the education activities shall appoint an inter-sectoral committee by a decision, to be conducting a review of documentation received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as the selection of proposed candidates. The Committee shall be consisted of the representatives of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Agency for Qualifications - ENIK/NARIK Centre. The decision shall define the tasks of the Committee concerning the selection of candidates and awarding the bursaries.

The decision on the selection of the final list of proposed candidates, passed by the minister competent for the education activities, shall be forwarded by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the purpose of informing the embassies and/or all candidate who have submitted their applications.

5. Expected effects of Project realisation

Successful implementation of the Project shall enable the achievement of short-term and long-term positive effects for the Republic of Serbia, i.e.:

- positioning the Republic of Serbia as a modern, open and European country whose affirmation shall be contributed to by the bursars themselves, as the future pillars of the social, economic and political life of their countries;
- improvement and deepening of friendly relations among young people from around the world;
- meeting colleagues from different continents gives opportunity for intercultural learning of the youth, meeting other cultures and values, increasing their sensibilities for differences;
- promotion of the higher education system of the Republic of Serbia;
- promotion of cultural, scientific, economic, tourist and other capacities of the Republic of Serbia.

