MANUAL

AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS AND DETERMINING THE CRITERIA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STUDY PROGRAMS FOR FOREIGN CITIZENS OF ALBANIAN ORIGIN WHO ARE AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA
National Diaspora Agency, taking into account the scope of its institutional operations, assessing the importance of cooperation with the Albanian Diaspora with the intention to provide scholarships for foreign nationals of Albanian origin to study in the Republic of Albania, as well as fulfilling commitments under Decision No. 686, dated 02.09.2020 of the Council of Ministers “On the criteria for awarding scholarships to foreign nationals of Albanian origin, to study in the Republic of Albania, by the National Diaspora Agency for the academic year 2020-2021”, opens the call for application for students who are part of the Albanian community and have an interest in studying in the Republic of Albania.

For the academic year 2020-2021, 9 (nine) scholarships will be awarded to foreign citizens of Albanian origin, to study in the Republic of Albania for the following countries:

a. 3 (three) scholarships for foreign citizens of Albanian origin from Ukraine;

b. 2 (two) scholarships for foreign citizens of Albanian origin in the Arbëresh community in Italy;

c. 2 (two) scholarships for foreign citizens of Albanian origin in Croatia;

d. 2 (two) scholarships for foreign citizens of Albanian origin from Bulgaria;

The basic criteria for receiving a scholarship for foreign citizens of Albanian origin are:

1. Must have completed secondary education with a general grade point average above 8 (eight) or equivalent;

2. Must not have graduated from the full cycle of university studies;
3. Must be a student from the Albanian diaspora communities and live in one of the following countries:

- Part of the Albanian community in Ukraine;
- Part of the Albanian community in Italy;
- Part of the Albanian community in Croatia;
- Part of the Albanian community in Bulgaria.

Students, foreign citizens of Albanian origin, who benefit from a scholarship must meet these additional criteria as well:

1. Must be students of one of the priority fields of study, as defined below;

2. Have obtain a letter of confirmation from their university that they are active students who have not completed the full cycle of studies;

3. Must have a work plan and research or academic activities during the study period in Albania;

Priority fields of study for students, foreign citizens of Albanian origin, who receive scholarships from the Albanian state are:

a) Social Sciences
   a. Psychology
   b. Economy and business
   c. Education
   d. Sociology
   e. Law/Political Science
   g. Geography
   h. Media and communication

b) Humanities and arts
   a. History
   b. Archeology
   c. Language
   d. Literature
   e. Arts
   f. Other humanities fields
Necessary documents for application

CV (resume)
Copy of Passport
Student verification
Academic transcript
Letter of Motivation

Attention: The documents that accompany the application and certify the fulfillment of the criteria must be notarized and translated into Albanian.

Mode of selection:

Diplomatic missions and consular posts of the Republic of Albania accredited in the countries mentioned in point 3, of Decision no. 686, dated 02.09.2020 of the Council of Ministers “On the criteria for awarding scholarships to foreign nationals of Albanian origin, to study in the Republic of Albania, by the National Diaspora Agency for the academic year 2020-2021”, make proposals for candidates to benefit from the scholarships for foreign citizens of Albanian origin for the academic year 2020-2021. They are responsible for sending the required documentation to the scholarship beneficiary candidates.

The final evaluation of the documents of the candidates who will receive scholarships will be done by the Commission for Diaspora Scholarships, which consists of 3 (three) members, one from the Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth, one from the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs and one from the National Diaspora Agency.

Attention: In the first year of studies for foreign citizens of Albanian origin, who benefit from scholarships from the Republic of Albania for the academic year 2020-2021, Albanian language lessons will be conducted.
**SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT FOR FOREIGN CITIZENS OF ALBANIAN ORIGIN**

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