



## **Eurobank EFG Scholarship for the Best Students of Serbia**

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

#### **1. I am a final year student enrolled in a Master degree program. Can I apply?**

No. This competition is oriented towards students who are enrolled in the final year of their **first degree** studies (“akademske i strukovne studije prvog stepena”). Students who will acquire the status of “apsolvent” for the first time during the academic **2009-2010** year are also eligible to apply, as well as the students of the so called ‘integrated’ studies (e.g. those attending their first degree programs at medical faculties).

#### **2. Am I eligible if I still have to take a few exams/credits from the previous year in my final year?**

Yes. All students with the final year status are eligible to apply under the conditions defined by the program.

#### **3. Am I eligible if I applied last year and was not selected?**

Yes, as long as you fulfill the status of a student/first-time “apsolvent,” as well as other conditions of the contest, you would be eligible to apply.

#### **4. Am I eligible if I won the last year’s contest?**

No. The winners of the previous year are not eligible to apply.

#### **5. I have many awards and am one of the best students in my class but my G.P.A. is still below 9.50. Can I apply?**

No. G.P.A. is one of the basic application criteria of the Eurobank EFG Scholarship Program. As you know, this program is designed to reward the best students, those who excel in knowledge and skills needed to effectively enhance their community.

#### **6. Am I eligible for the scholarship if I expect to receive some other award or full-time scholarship?**

Yes. The Eurobank EFG Scholarship is a one-term award and as such, it poses no limits to the grantees who participate in another similar program. Please note, however, that this may not be the case with other scholarship programs you intend to apply for.



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### **7. Is there any limit in age of the candidates?**

No. The award is a merit-based scholarship. The Eurobank EFG Scholarship Program is based upon the policy of non-discrimination, and it certainly does not limit those excellent students who, for some reason, have started their studies later than usual.

### **8. Can I apply by submitting a hard copy version?**

No. Your application will be valid only if you submit it online. This kind of application is user-friendly and easy to complete, allowing a higher standard of examination of all application materials, a higher level of security in processing the applicants' data, and consequently, a better transparency of the selection process. Also, remember that applying online demonstrates your IT proficiency which, today, represents one of the most important skills in all professional fields. Starting from this year, the candidates can upload their key documents to the application form. This option facilitates and prompts the online processing of the applications.

### **9. Is my application finished after I submit the online application?**

No. After submitting the application online you will have to send its printout (this year **ONLY 1 copy**), dated and signed, together with the xeroxes of the documents you uploaded (1 xerox per uploaded document) and reference letters via regular or recommended post to the following address:

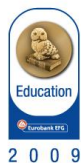
Eurobank EFG Scholarship Program  
Institute of International Education  
European Office  
Vigyázó Ferenc u. 4  
HU - 1051 Budapest

The online application will be closed on **October 26, 2009 at 24:00**. The hard copy materials have to be postmarked by this date latest.

**Note:** Incomplete or late applications will not be followed up.

### **10. What computer configuration is required to submit the e-application?**

In order to complete the online application you need to have the access to the browsers of the generation produced during the last 6 years.



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**11. I have more than 3 awards, community engagements. I have participated in more than 3 academic research projects. How can I enter all of my accomplishments into the online application form that supports only 3 entries each?**

Please enter **only 3** of your awards, engagements, projects each. The entered details will refer to those activities/accomplishments you think show best your academic or professional formation. If you have more of these, please refer to them with more detail in your CV.

**12. Can my referees write letters in Serbian? Can I take the interview in Serbian?**

No. In order to enable the full transparency of the procedures, as well as to better recognize the candidates' skills and abilities to implement the European values in diverse communication settings, all the application procedures will be conducted in English. The applicants should be able to communicate in English both in written and spoken format.

**13. Can members of my family or my best friend write a letter of recommendation for me?**

No. Your referees should come from the circle that has **no connections** to your family or friends. Ideally, one of your referees will be your faculty teacher who is familiar with your work in the particular field of study; the other will be a person who knows well your skills, abilities and extra-curricular interests. Have in mind that you should not see your referee's opinion, so make sure you take it in a sealed envelope, signed by your referee(s) across the flap.

**14. How shall I submit a recommendation letter of a referee who lives in another town/country?**

Your referee can send his/her letter separately from your application materials. The letter has to be sent to:

Eurobank EFG Scholarship Program  
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The letter must be signed by your referee across the flap and postmarked no later than **October 26, 2009**.



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As an alternative, your referee can send a fax to the Institute of International Education where all the applications for this program will be processed (++36. 1. 472. 22.55), with a clear reference to the Eurobank EFG Scholarship Program.

### **15. What happens after I submit the application?**

You will receive an instant no reply e-mail notification as a confirmation of your online application submission. During November, an independent selection committee will examine all the applications and invite the most successful candidates to the interview. The selected candidates will be notified of the interview location, schedule and procedures via e-mail. After the interviews, the selection committee will make their final decision. The grantees will be informed by a written notice and their names will be published in the Serbian press. The final event will be the award ceremony at which all the grantees are expected to attend.

The award will be paid to the grantees through an individual account opened by the Eurobank EFG a.d. Beograd.

During the selection procedure (November), the applicants are advised to check their e-mails regularly and keep the availability of the contact means quoted in their applications.

### **16. If I pass the first round of selection, can I take part in the interview by skype or telephone?**

No. You are expected to attend in person any events that are organized as a part of the program.

### **17. What will be my obligations towards the Bank if I receive the award? Am I promising my future to the Eurobank EFG by accepting this scholarship?**

This award implies no obligation on your part to accept any job offer that might be made by the Eurobank EFG after your graduation, nor is Eurobank EFG obliged to make such an offer to you.

As a Eurobank EFG Scholar, you may be asked to contribute to the program in future years, for example, by sharing your experiences with other program participants, promoting the program to the future applicants, or by participating in community development projects. These activities will allow you to give back to the program and help your fellow participants.

**FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE MATERIALS MAKE SURE TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS QUOTED IN THE 2009 ONLINE APPLICATION FORM. PLEASE**



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**NOTE THAT SOME PROCEDURES MAY DIFFER FROM THOSE OF THE PREVIOUS YEARS. THE FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE 2009 SUBMISSION PROCEDURES WILL RESULT IN THE REJECTION OF YOUR APPLICATION.**

**GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR APPLICATION!**