

STUDENT REFUGEE PROGRAM (SRP)

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS, 2025-2026 INTAKE

World University Service of Canada (WUSC) would like to invite suitable and qualified refugee youths to apply for the 2025-2026 academic year intake for the Student Refugee Program (SRP).

Application is open from February 9th until February 23rd, 2024 at 6:00 pm East African Time.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must:

- Have original **UNHCR Proof of Registration** and Government of Kenya Refugee Identification Card.
- Be currently living as a refugee in Kenya and has continuously resided in Kenya for at least 2 years at the time of application (must have arrived before January 1st, 2022);
- Be between 18-25 years old as of January 1st, 2024 (applicants must be born no earlier than January 1st, 1999 and no later than January 1st, 2006);
- Be eligible and suitable for resettlement under the criteria of Canada's Private Sponsorship of Refugees program;
- Have completed secondary school and already in possession of **original Secondary School certificates and result slips**, and any other academic documents at the time of application
- Be competent in English or French (oral and written competence);
- Be single (unmarried) with no children;
- Facing barriers to accessing or completing undergraduate education;
- Self-reliant, mature and suitable for integration in Canada as an individual; **MINIMUM**

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS BY COUNTRY OF STUDY:

*Please note that this is not an exhaustive list. If you have completed secondary education in a country other than the ones listed below, and you meet all of the other criteria above, we encourage you to apply. *

Country	Exam / Certificate	Minimum Grade/Score
Burundi	Diplome Des Humanites Generales	55% Bulletin Scolaire / Releve des notes (Female applicants : 50%)
DRC	Diplome D'Etat	55%. Releve des notes (Female applicants : 50%)
Eritrea	ESECE	5 subjects. GPA of 3.0 (Female applicants : 2.5)
Ethiopia	The Ethiopian Higher Education Entrance Examination (EHEEE)	5 subjects. GPA of 3.0 (Female applicants : 2.5)

Kenya	KCSE	B+ plus (Female applicants: B- minus)
Rwanda	REB - ACSE	A minimum of 4 principal passes (Female applicants A minimum of 3 principal passes)
Somalia	Somalia Secondary School Leaving Certificate (SSLC)	70% (Female applicants: 65%)
South Sudan	CSE	65% (Female applicants: 60%)
Sudan	SSC	60% (Female applicants: 55%)
Uganda	UACE	12 points (Female applicants: 10 points)

HOW TO APPLY:

Complete the online **SRP Application Form** available here: <https://forms.gle/ojNjnySLs8sYsB9Z8>

Applications will only be accepted online. Please ensure that all your documents are electronic files (JPEG or PDF).

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE APPLICATION PROCESS:

- The SRP values gender equality. Qualified female candidates are encouraged to apply.
- Ensure you answer all questions fully and honestly and submit documents which are clearly legible. Incomplete applications will not be shortlisted. Please closely verify the eligibility requirements and the required documents requested in the application form.
- WUSC is unable to add documents or change details in your online application should you make a typing error. If you make a mistake in your online application, it is your responsibility to submit a new application before the application deadline. In cases where an applicant submits multiple applications, **we will only consider the details in your most recent application.**
- Applicants are encouraged to attach additional documentation (training certificates, reference letters, etc.) to their application to support the review of their candidacy in addition to the required documents.
- Students must be in possession of the hard copy and official/original secondary education document when they first apply. If you do not have your original secondary documentation, you will not be shortlisted or selected for the SRP.
- **The 2023 academic year graduates who have recently received their results, are allowed to submit their applications without the original KCSE or the results slip, but they must attach a screenshot of their 2023 KCSE Provisional Results from KNEC portal. Their original KCSE or results slip is required to be submitted before the interviews.**
- Candidates must be eligible for resettlement to Canada. Your eligibility is based on your individual circumstances and refugee claim. The SRP is open to refugees from all nationalities. There are no quotas or targets by country of origin.
- The sponsorship process can take up to two years or more. Final decisions are made by Canadian

- immigration officials before SRP students are cleared for travel to Canada.
- WUSC thanks all candidates for their interest. **Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.**
 - **Please note:** SRP applicants are expected to present WUSC with honest and consistent information and documentation during the application and interview process. WUSC has a zero-tolerance policy regarding the submission of false identification or academic documents. **Applicants who misrepresent any information or falsify their documentation to be eligible for the SRP, will be removed and/or permanently banned from future consideration.**

The online application form will open on **Feb 9th, 2024**. We will accept applications until the deadline of **Feb 23rd 2024** at 6 pm East African Time.

For further details and inquiries, please contact WUSC SRP Kenya.

Email: srp.ke@wusc.ca

Thank you for your interest in the SRP!

Information Sheet about the Student Refugee Program

About WUSC	World University Service of Canada (WUSC) is a Canadian non-governmental organization. Our head office is in Ottawa, Canada. WUSC is dedicated to providing education, employment and empowerment opportunities for youth around the world, especially for women and refugee youth.
About the Student Refugee Program	<p>The Student Refugee Program (SRP) is WUSC's flagship program. The SRP resettles between 130-150 students every year from different countries of asylum. The SRP is a unique youth-to-youth sponsorship model with post-secondary students in Canada playing a leadership role in the sponsorship of refugee students. WUSC's "Local Committees" on Canadian campuses raise funds for the SRP and awareness about the global refugee crisis. Local Committees also offer day-to-day social support to SRP students after they arrive in Canada.</p> <p>Important things to know about the SRP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SRP is not a traditional scholarship - it is a one-year sponsorship that includes resettlement to Canada and access to a Canadian post-secondary academic institution. • SRP students arrive in Canada as a Permanent Resident, able to apply for Canadian citizenship after 3-4 years. • Successful candidates are resettled independently as a single person - the SRP does not include resettlement of any family members. • The SRP covers a student's academic and living expenses for the first year in Canada. After 1 year, SRP students are expected to become financially independent. SRP students are allowed to work during summer vacation periods, and/or during the school year, and SRP can apply for Canadian government student loans, scholarships and/or bursaries/grants to support the rest of their degree.

<p>About Universities, Colleges, and CEGEPs</p>	<p>WUSC's academic partners in Canada include more than 90 universities, colleges and CEGEPs. You will learn more about these options if you are selected for the SRP. For now, here is a brief description of these three different types of institutions where you may have an opportunity to study if you are selected for the SRP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University: Undergraduate students in a university are working towards a Bachelor's Degree. The approach to education in most universities is theoretical and research-oriented. Many students in Canada who graduate with a Bachelor's degree will need to also study at the Master's level before they begin their career. The tuition at a university is more expensive than at a college. • College: Students in a college are working towards a Diploma or Certificate. Some colleges have a partnership with a university with the first 2 years at a college being transferable to the 3rd year of a Degree program. The approach to education is more practical and skills-oriented. Many students who graduate from a college are able to enter the labour force directly, with employers finding college graduates 'job-ready'. College tuition is less expensive than university tuition. • CEGEP: This is a unique type of college that is present only in Québec, one of Canada's provinces. Students in a CEGEP have an option of two streams: one stream is considered a bridging year to university, and the other stream is for technical diploma programs that are directly linked to labour market demands.
<p>Selection process for the SRP</p>	<p>WUSC's objective is to select equal numbers of female and male students for the SRP. There are no targets or quotas by nationality - refugees from any country of origin are welcome to apply. The selection of SRP students includes a review of their refugee claim, academic strengths and personal suitability for integration in Canada.</p> <p>WUSC is responsible for making the preliminary selection decision. After the interview, we conduct a final round of verifications with local organizations including UNHCR and education partners to verify refugee status and academic histories. After students are selected by WUSC, a final decision will be made by Canadian immigration officials about who is eligible for resettlement to Canada under the "Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program". WUSC recommends candidates to Canadian immigration officials but WUSC does not have the ability to influence the final decision that is made by Canadian government officials.</p>
<p>Immigration process for the SRP</p>	<p>After students are selected by WUSC, students complete the immigration application form for resettlement to Canada under Canada's Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program. WUSC submits SRP candidates to Canadian immigration officials. WUSC does not have the ability to influence the final decision that is made by Canadian government officials. The final decision will be made by Canadian immigration officials about who is eligible for resettlement to Canada.</p>

<p>Safeguarding the integrity of the SRP application process</p>	<p>There is no fee/charge to apply to WUSC's Student Refugee Program. At all stages of the application process, the SRP is totally free for applicants. Applicants should never be asked to pay anything or provide any other benefit to a WUSC staff member or a local partner representative. If you experience or witness any corruption or unethical behavior during the application process, we ask that you report this incident to WUSC headquarters in Ottawa through this email address: report-to-srp@wusc.ca</p>
<p>Type of questions included in the Online Application form</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Name • Date of birth • Gender • Country of origin • Location of birth • Marital and family status • Telephone number • Length of time living in Kenya • Current address in Kenya • Language abilities - in English and French • Have you completed secondary school? • Do you have your original secondary school diploma? (must attach) • What country issued your secondary school diploma? • What was your final average grade? • Have you studied at the post-secondary level? • If you had to stop studies at the post-secondary level, why? • What is your current refugee status in Kenya? • Do you have registration or other documents that confirm your status in Kenya (i.e. temporary visa, registration as an asylum seeker or refugee with UNHCR)? (must attach) • Have you been referred for resettlement to any country by UNHCR? If yes, where and what was the result? • Why and when did you leave your country of origin? • Are you able to return to your country of origin? • Is there anything else you'd like to add to your SRP application?