

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SOFIA

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Application Requirements - International Students Bulgarian Citizenship with Diplomatic Status 2018-2019 Academic Year

The American College of Sofia integrates the values and best practices of American pedagogy with the rich educational traditions of Bulgaria and Europe. We seek to develop critical thinking, lifelong intellectual curiosity, leadership, and collaboration among multi-talented students of various social, cultural, economic, and geographic backgrounds.

ACS welcomes applications from Bulgarian students with diplomatic status who have been studying in International schools (in Bulgaria or abroad) for at least one year. Applications for 8th-11th grade will be considered for admission, and all applicants must be proficient in the English language. Bulgarian students with diplomatic status must provide the following to be considered for admission to ACS:

- Official transcript from the previous two academic years, which must indicate at least "B" average (3.0 on a 4.0 scale)
- Application fee - 350 euros
- Application form
- All Bulgarian applicants aged 16 and under must provide documents from the Regional Inspectorate indicating the grade level for which they qualify to be admitted. Applicants over the age of 16 may elect to forgo this requirement but must provide a signed declaration from their parents confirming that the student has elected to pursue the International Program only.
- Letter from the Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, proving the Diplomatic Status of the student's family

Upon receipt of all the required application materials, ACS will administer an entrance exam which will measure reading comprehension, verbal and quantitative reasoning, mathematical skills, and writing skills. This exam is considered as part of the holistic evaluation process. In order to take the placement test, students must provide verification of citizenship.

Students will be admitted to ACS in the following order of preference if they meet the requirements for application:

- A. Dependent children of United States government employees.
- B. Graduates of the eighth grade at the Anglo-American School, Sofia.
- C. Other international students in the order of their application, until available spaces are filled.
- D. Children of official Bulgarian diplomats who have studied at an international school for at least one academic year.

Bulgarian students with diplomatic status are admitted on a rolling basis (year-round) according to space availability and the College's acceptance of prior official high school records indicating achievement at a level which corresponds to that required of all students at the College.

The tuition fee for Bulgarian students with diplomatic status, who are admitted to the Bulgarian program of study, is **6,350 Euros** for the 2018- 2019 academic year. This is an all-inclusive fee for instruction, books and use of all school facilities. It does not include the price of meals at the school, transportation, excursions, school supplies, or other incidental expenses. The tuition fee could be invoiced and paid by a juridical person (legal entity) based on parents' wish. If the parents wish the tuition fee to be paid by a juridical, an additional trilateral agreement is signed between the parents, ACS, and the company.

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