

African Science Academy Fees and Financial Assistance

ASA is searching for excellence. Therefore, no student that we select will be turned away because they cannot afford our fees and we encourage applications from promising young scientists whatever their financial circumstances. Around 70% of our students receive some level of financial assistance in the form of tuition fee scholarships or bursaries to cover living expenses. Please see the section below on scholarships.

We want the best young female scientists to attend ASA and we pledge to support any student who might face financial challenges.

Below we outline ASA fees and scholarship information.

Tuition Fees

Tuition Fees are £6,000 for the academic year of 2020-2021. This covers the cost for all classes, extra-classes, mentoring, textbooks, careers advice, use of a computer and library service.

Exam Fees

Exam fees for students to sit the Cambridge International A-Level qualification are payable, but these fees change every year, so we will let you know once the new fees have been set.

Boarding Fees

Boarding Fees are £4,000 for the academic year of 2020-2021. This fee includes three meals a day, use of facilities, accommodation, school trips, bed linen and internet access.

Security Deposit

Students are required to pay a security deposit once they have been offered a place at ASA. The amount for the deposit will be fixed depending on a student's scholarship status. The deposit payment will secure the student's place at ASA. The deposit will be returned at the end of the academic year if there are no outstanding payments for the student.

Payment methods

Tuition and boarding fees must be paid in full before the start of the academic year (August 2020). All fees are payable in US Dollar or the Ghana Cedis equivalent, at a rate of exchange set by ASA.

Payment must be made at least one week before the school opening date and a receipt must be obtained from ASA before students can be admitted on to our campus.

Payment can be made by bank transfer or cheque. We will provide ASA bank details to selected candidates.

Scholarships

If you are not able to afford the above mentioned fees you may be eligible for a scholarship and a bursary. Please complete our scholarship form and return it with your application. Some of the most common questions about ASA scholarships are set out below:

Who is eligible for a scholarship?

Students with academic excellence, able to demonstrate a clear need for financial assistance.

How much can I expect to receive?

Up to 100% of your fees may be covered depending on your financial need. Some students might have both tuition and boarding fees covered. Others might be asked to pay one of these fees while the other is covered. Once we fully understand your financial need we will tell you what level of scholarship you are eligible for.

How is financial assistance determined?

We will use the information provided on your scholarship form to determine if any financial assistance is needed and if so, how much. We will then collect supporting documents from you, such as bank statements, payslips, tax returns etc and we will contact your parents' employers to verify the information provided on the scholarship form. We will also conduct home visits.

Will my exam fee be covered?

If you have an appropriate financial need, the scholarship will cover your exam fee, so that you can graduate from ASA with Cambridge International A-Levels.

Will my transportation to and from school be covered?

Scholarships do not cover transportation to and from school. This cost will need to be covered by the student and their family. Students might also find additional sources of funding, for example through scholarships from their current school or local organisations.

Will my visa/ passport cost be covered?

Visa and passport costs will not be covered. We may advise our students on applying for visas, but we will not provide funding for these.