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Based on the Article 49 of the Scholarship Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia Nos. 56/13 and 99/13 - ZUPJS-C, 8/16, 61/17-ZUPŠ and 31/18; hereinafter referred to as the Scholarship Act), The Regulation on awarding Ad Futura Scholarships (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia No. 76/14 and 45/18; hereinafter referred to as the Regulation), in accordance with the Business and Financial Plan of Public Scholarship, Development, Disability and Maintenance Fund of Republic of Slovenia for the year 2018, adopted by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia on 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2017 and the Public Scholarship, Development, Disability and Maintenance Fund of the Republic of Slovenia (hereinafter referred to as the Fund) hereby announces the following

#### Public Call

# for applications for scholarships for nationals of Western Balkans to postgraduate study in Slovenia in the year 2019 (Call for Applications No. 268)

## 1. Subject-matter of the Call for Applications

The subject-matter of this Call for Applications is the award of Ad Futura education scholarships to the applicants, <u>nationals of Western Balkans</u> for post-graduate studies in natural science, technology or medicine at higher education institutions in the Republic of Slovenia (hereinafter referred to as Slovenia) for the following individual level:

- Master's study (second level)
- Doctoral study (third level)

Under this Call for Applications, an applicant may not receive scholarship for an integrated master's study programme.

The aim of the Call is to strengthen the cooperation among the states of the Balkan region and to attract excellent students from the Western Balkan states to enrol in the post-graduate study programs in the Slovenia where they successfully finish their study.

Under this Call the following states are perceived as Western Balkans states: **Bosnia and Herzegovina**, **Republic of Montenegro**, **Republic of Kosovo**, **Republic of Macedonia** and **Republic of Serbia**.

Scholarship is granted for the study year for which the applicants will enrol in the academic year 2019/2020 onward till the finish of the individual study programme. The applicants have to enrol and commence with their study in the study year to which they are enrolled, in calendar year 2019.

Study programmes are classified in the fields of education on the basis of classification of Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia KLASIUS-P16 (hereinafter referred to as the KLASIUS-P16), that is available online: <u>http://www.stat.si/StatWeb/File/DocSysFile/9925/Opisi%20kategorij%20KLASIUS-P-16.pdf</u> and <u>https://www.stat.si/Klasje/Klasje/Tabela/7541</u>. The following categories of the classification KLASIUS-P16 fall into fields of natural sciences, technology and medicine:



Code	Category
05	Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics
06	Information and communication technologies (ICTS)
07	Engineering, manufacturing and construction
08	Agriculture, forestry, fisheries and veterinary science
091	Health

The scholarship is granted for study in one of the fields in the table above.

The Fund classifies study programmes into the individual field of education based on publicly available information, official enquiry at official records eVŠ of Ministry for education, science and sport or at other relevant institution.

#### 2. The amount of resources available for the Call for applications and the value of the scholarship

Total value of the Call for Applications is EUR 600.000,00 for scholarship for the entire period of study o of selected applicants. The right to scholarship is granted from the study year in which the applicant is enrolled in the academic year 2019/2020 untill the finish of applicant's study programe. The scholarship can be granted for maximum of as many years as are officially defined by the programme or less, if the scholarship is granted for a higher year of studies.

Scholarship for one year is twelve (12) month scholarship.

The scholarship is granted for living costs and/or tuition fee as stated below:

- Living costs; in the amonut of EUR 700,00 per month (in the total amount of EUR 8.400,00 for each study year) and shall be paid as a lump sum;

and/or

tuition fee; the maximum granted amount of yearly scholarship for tuition fee for an individual year of study shall amount to 100% of tuition fee, but not more than EUR 3,000.00 for individual study year. Scholarship for tuition fee shall be transferred directly to the educational institution in accordance with the Article 56 of The Scholarship Act.

If the applicant is receiving or will receive other scholarship or any other kind of financial support for covering <u>only the tutition fee</u> during applicant's studies, the applicant can apply and acquire only the scholarship for living costs under this Call. Scholarship for tuition fee can be granted only if the educational institution is charging the tuition fee for the program in which the applicant is enroled, if the applicant applies for the scholarship for tuition fee and if the applicant is eligible to receive it (e.g. there is no memorandum signed between countries, the study program is not (fully) the subject of the concession). Scholarship for tution fee can be granted to the applicant, who is enrolled as a regular student, as inregular student only if study programme where the applicant is enrolled is not available as regular study programme.

Tuition fee is the amount paid annually by an individual to an educational institution for participation in the educational programme. Tuition does not comprise any other payments, mandatory or not, made to an educational institution, such as costs of registration, study materials, memberships in organisations or clubs, contributions for the use of laboratory, health or other insurance and other costs.



Applicant who applied for staying in a student dormitory Ljubljana in the application and receives positive decision about granted scholarship under this Call, has the chance to stay in a student dormitory Ljubljana. To student, who receives scholarship under this Call and decides to stay in student dormitory Ljubljana, the scholarship is paid in two parts; first part of scholarship is paid in the amount of ten (10) months scholarship in 30 days after signing the scholarship contract, and the second partconsists of two (2) scholarships for living costs in the twelfth month of individual study year.

## 3. Conditions of the Call for applications

Applicants under this Call must meet all the following conditions:

- 3.1 They must have a status of:
  - foreign nationals with permanent residence outside Slovenia and are nationals of one of the Western Balkan States pursuant to the paragraph 4 of point 1 of the present Call for applications;
  - noncitizens of Slovenia and during their study period for which they apply for scholarship, will not acquire Slovenian citizenship.
  - they have not acquired long-term resident status in Slovenia;
- 3.2 They must have <u>registered temporary residence in Slovenia</u> in accordance with the law that regulates registration of temporary residence and in accordance with the Foreigners Act (Official Gazette of Republic of Slovenia, No. 1/18 official consolidated text and 9/18, hereinafter referred as Foreigners Act) <u>or concluded valid power of attorney</u> with a person with residence in Slovenia for representation during the administrative procedure of application for scholarship under this Call;
- 3.3 They will have a valid permit for temporary residence in Slovenia for the purpose of study during their study <u>from the beginning of the study year</u>, which is 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019, pursuant to the Foreigners Act. They must apply for it before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 at competent institution abroad (Diplomatic Embassy or Consulate of the Republic of Slovenia) or at competent administrative unit in Slovenia.
- 3.4 They are about to finish or have already finished their under-graduate studies at higher education institutions in one of the Western Balkan countries specified in the paragraph 4 of point 1 of the present Call for applications;
- 3.5 They are not accepted or enrolled in integrated master's study programme in study year 2019/2020;
- 3.6 They are enrolled for master studies of second level or doctoral studies of third level in the field of natural sciences, technology or medicine in the academic year 2019/2020, pursuant to paragraph 1, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of point 1 Subject-matter of the Call for Applications;
- 3.7 The study referred to in the previous point shall take place at an accredited educational institution in the Republic of Slovenia for an accredited programme, whereby they will attain a recognised level of education and obtain a valid degree upon completing the programme;
- 3.8 The level of education achieved through the study programme referred to in the previous item will be higher than the highest level they have already achieved in any previously completed studies or they will obtain in any studies they are about to complete. They can not receive a scholarship for study at higher level until they complete education at level for which they are receiving a scholarship;
- 3.9 Scholarship can not be granted if they have been enrolled in the same year (re-eroled in the same year) at the same level of education or higher, or enroled in the additional study year after end of any educational program or in case of extentded student status;



- 3.10 Their studies in Slovenia are not part of an academic exchange programme;
- 3.11 During the study for which they apply for scholarship under this Call of applications, they will have student status in Slovenia;
- 3.12 They will reside in Slovenia throughout the whole duration of the studies from the beginning of the official start of study year, which is 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019. However student exchanges abroad, if they are part of the study programme, are allowed on the basis of prior consent of the Fund, but only if they are not carried out in the student's home country;
- 3.13 The study programme is not organised in the form of distance learning or conducted only through occasional consultations in Slovenia;
- 3.14 During the study for which they apply for scholarship under this Call of Application, they will not:
  - receive a state or Zois scholarship;
  - receive any other scholarships, grants or similar funding for studies awarded under other regulations in the Republic of Slovenia. The applicant can receive other financial funding if their purpose is to cover the tuition fee only and if the applicant provides adequate proof for their purpose;
  - be employed or self-employed in Slovenia or abroad;
  - be registered as an unemployed person with the Employment Service of Slovenia or with other competent institution abroad;
  - acquire the status of a manager in a corporation or director of a private institute;
- 3.15 On the first day when they would be entitled to the scholarship under this Call for applications, which is the first day of the academic year the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019, they have not yet reached the age of 28.
- 3.16 They have never been entitled to scholarship with final decision from previous Calls for nationals of Western Balkan in Slovenia for study program or level of education subject to scholarship under this Call for applications and have never been annulled in accordance with Article 98 of Scholarship Act.

Condition of power of attorney under the point 3.2. is obligatory for applicants who will not have registered temporary residence in Slovenia in accordance with the law that regulates registration of temporary residence. If the applicant has registered temporary residence, must have properly labeled mailbox on a temporary address in Slovenia in accordance with Postal Services Act<sup>1</sup> and serving different types of post.

Applicants, who are granted a scholarship under this Call for Applications, must meet the above conditions for the whole duration of their studies for which they apply for scholarship under this Call for Applications.

Applicant can apply only once (one application) under this Call and for one study program. From the day of the application and until the issue of the decision, the applicant has to inform the Fund about any changes, which are influencing or could influence on the decision about the scholarship under this Call (e.g. the change in the amount of tuition fee, additional or any other financial means for study, withdrawal of the application etc.) in 30 days after the change is made.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Postal Services Act (Official Gazette of Republic of Slovenia, No. 51/09, 77/10, 40/14 – ZIN-B and 81/15) says in Article 43 among other things that mailboxes in multi-apartment building must be labeled with surname of each user who use postal services from every apartement



#### 4. Documentation

An **official certificate** is a certificate of the institution, with the signature of the person incharge and with a stamp, if the institution is using one. Identification of the original document is made with authentication (certification) of a transcript or an original.

The Fund does not return the submitted originals or certified copies. All documents can be submitted in foreign language, **written in Latin (not in Cyrillic).** The Fund reserves the right to request an official certified translation in Slovenian language. Submitted documents can also be official certified translations. Official certified translation consists from statement from court interpreter with a stamp and two documents (original document and the document with translation).

The Fund can request additional documentation if submitted documentation is missing information, needed for decision.

#### **Applicants must submit:**

#### 4.1. Obligatory documentation (proof of eligibility):

- 4.1.1 **original**, completed and signed **application form**;
- 4.1.2 **original**, completed and valid **power of attorney**<sup>2</sup> where the applicants give the power to act to the trustee to represent them during the administrative procedure to obtain the right to the scholarship under this Call, **or evidence of registered temporary residence in Slovenia** in accordance with the law that regulates registration of temporary residence and in accordance with the Foreigners Act. Power of attorney is obligatory for those applicants who does not have registered temporary residence at administrative unit in Slovenia on the day of the deadline for submitting the application;
- 4.1.3 certificate of **citizenship** of applicants, issued by the competent authority, or a copy of a valid passport (but only if it contains the applicant's country of origin);
- 4.1.4 certificate of **permanent residence** in the applicant's country, issued by the competent authority, or a copy of a valid passport (but only if it contains the applicants permanent address);
- 4.1.5 certificate of the relevant institution confirming that **request of issuing or renewal for temporary residence permit for the purpose of study in Slovenia has been filed**; relevant institution is competent institution abroad (Diplomatic Embassy or Consulate of the Republic of Slovenia) or competent administrative unit in Slovenia (certificate of filled request is valid as the permit for temporary residence until a decision about request is final);
- 4.1.6 official certificate about the **amount of annual tuition fees** for the study for which they apply for scholarship under this Call for applications. Official certificate, issued by educational institution in Slovenia must contain:
  - name and surname of applicants;
  - exact and full name of the study programme for which the tuition fees referrs to;
  - the amount of the tuition fees, if these are charged to the applicants; the educational institution has to indicate why the tuition fees is charged to the applicant. *If the applicants do not have to pay the tuition fees, the educational institution has to indicate why the tuition fees is not charged to the applicants;*
- 4.1.7 official certificate of completion of undergraduate studies (e.g. diploma);

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Power of attorney is valid if it is submitted in original formular (part of application pack) with all requested information of both trustee and applicant, including both signatures.



4.1.8 official certificate from educational institution of all grades the applicants achieved at the undergraduate studies, submitted in original (or certified copy), namely certificate from educational institution of all grades the applicants achieved by **31**<sup>st</sup> **December 2018**, including the grade for diploma, if the applicants already finished undergraduate studies by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 and the diploma was marked by a numerical grade.

Applicants whose academic obligations at undergraduate study were not assessed with grades have to provide an official and original certificate of the educational institution confirming this as well as original or a certified copy of transcript of records of all grades achieved during high school including the grade achieved at the final (Matura) examination, if the applicant passed this exam;

- 4.1.9 if the applicants obtained grades during their studies, where grading system is different from the grading system of tertiary education in Slovenia<sup>3</sup>, they also have to submit an **official grading scale** with the explanation of grades, which has to be issued by the educational institution at which the applicants finished their studies (or some other proper certificate with official grading scale).
- 4.1.10 if the applicants finished their undergraduate study after the date 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018, they also have to submit proper certificate<sup>4</sup> of all grades the applicants achieved at the undergraduate studies where **dates of acquired grades are transparent in a form day/month/year.** This ceritificate must be issued after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019;
- 4.1.11 if the applicants have finished or have been ever enroled on the **post-graduate studies** in Slovenia or abroad, they must submit the certificate of completion of post-graduate studies (e.g. diploma) or certificate of completion of all study obligations, if the study is not completed;
- 4.1.12 if the applicants are, under this Call, applying only for the scholarship for living costs, because they **have acquired other financial means to cover their tuition fee**, they have to submit a valid and adequate certificate, issued by the institution, which has granted them these funds. The certificate has to include the following: who has granted the financial means, who is receiving these means, in which amount and for which purpose.

Evidence from numbers 4.1.9, 4.1.10, 4.1.11. and 4.1.12 are obligatory only if the condition in each point is fulfilled.

#### 4.2. Optional documentation:

The applicants who want to claim points for publications have to submit all documents proving individual or joint authorship of <u>published scientific articles</u> or <u>active participation at the scientific conference</u>, which was properly listed in application, required below:

- a) for scientific papers or scientific articles published in scientific publication:
  - a list of bibliographical units from a joint database Cobiss (if one exists in the applicant's country) with clear categorisation of the paper/article (in accordance with typology from Comarc tab) OR
  - for each publication in Slovene or English:
    - a copy of the first page of the articles/papers;
    - complete table of contents where the author is seen;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For this Public Call there are considered grades of tertiary educational system (first and second degree study programes) in Slovenia from 1 to 10, where 10 is excellent, 9 is very good, 8 is good, 7 is satisfactory, 6 is sufficient, less than 6 is fail.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Proper ceritificate can be official certificate from educational institution, proper copy of student index, proper extract of electronic index or similar proper evidence.



- a copy of the first page of publication with title from which catalogue record about the publication with ISBN or ISSN number is clearly seen (if ISSN/ISBN number is not on the first page, additionally submit also the page from the publication where this number is seen).
- b) for active participation at a scientific conference:

- a list of bibliographical units from a joint database Cobiss (if one exists in the applicant's country) with clear categorisation of the participation at the conference (in accordance with typology from Comarc tab) OR

- for each participation in Slovene or English:
  - copy of the title page from which catalogue records about the publications, with ISBN or ISSN numbers are clearly seen;
  - table of contents of the brochure with the contributions at the conference, from which authors and their role at the conference are clearly seen.

Documents requested in the points 4.1.1., 4.1.8. and the power of attorney from the point 4.1.2. from obligatory documentation <u>must be either original document or certified copy</u>. Other documents can be copies. Scanned documents or documents issued or sent electronically without qualified electronic signature are considered copies.

#### 5. Selection criteria

The formally complete applications are assessed and awarded points based on three criteria below. The maximum possible number of points is 100.

#### a) Level of study – 20 points

Applicant is enrolled in master studies (second level)	20 points
Applicant is enrolled in doctoral studies (third level)	10 points

The maximum possible number of points under this criterion is 20 points.

#### b) Published scientific articles/papers - 40 points

The applicants who want to claim points for publications have to submit all adequate and requested documents, requested in the point 4.2. If applicants do not submit all adequate and requested documents they do not receive points for published scientific articles/papers.

Conditions, that must be fulfilled to receive points, are below:

- applicants submitted all adequate and requested documents from the point 4.2. under this Public Call;
- all published scientific articles/papers are properly listed at the application by the deadline for applying under this Call (2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019);
- published articles/papers are scientific (professional articles/papers do not count for points);
- scientific articles/papers are published in periodical or individual scientific publication (monograph);
- publication, where the scientific articles/papers are published, has ISBN or ISSN number;
- published scientific articles/papers are published in printed or electronic form or included in the joint database Cobiss (if one exists in the applicant's country) until no later than including 31<sup>st</sup> august 2019;



- published scientific articles/papers are not the result of study obligations of the applicants.

All the above conditions must be fullfiled for each claimed published scientific article/paper in order to receive points. If one or more conditions are not fulfilled, applicants do not receive points under this criterion.

If applicants provide copies of the first page of specific article, table of contents and title of publications, from which the authors are transparent, but the publication does not have ISBN or ISSN number, it will be considered that the publication actually does not have ISBN or ISSN number and the application will not be awarded with points under this criterion.

If applicants provide a list of bibliographical units from a joint database Cobiss (if one exists in the applicant's country), the listed bibliographical units have to be categorised to be considered for awarding points under this criterion. This means that it must be transparent from the list of the joint database that a specific article/paper is categorized as scientific article or active participation at a scientific conference. If articles in joint database will not be appropriately categorised they will not be taken into account for awarding points.

Points are given for published scientific articles/papers as written in the table below:

Publication of scientific article in <b>individual authorship</b> in a national or foreign periodical or individual scientific publication (monograph) each publication	15 points
Publication of scientific article in <b>joined authorship</b> published in a national or foreign periodical or individual scientific publication (monograph) each publication	10 points
Active participation at a scientific conference (contribution as lecture, poster, presentation) published in the separate conference proceedings, in a scientific journal or on the conference's and/or conference organiser's website in individual or in joined authorship for each active participation	3 points

Typology of documents/works for bibliography management in Cobiss<sup>5</sup> (hereinafter reffered as Typology) is considered for awarding points under this point of Public Call. Published scientific articles/papers that are not included in the joint database Cobiss, are by their content considered for points by Typology and its content.

The maximum possible number of points under this criterion is 40 points.

#### c) Average assessment grade – 40 points

The points are assigned as follows:

Grade point average from including 6.0 to 7.0	0 points
Grade point average from including 7.0 to 7.4	5 points
Grade point average from including 7.4 to 8.0	10 points

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Typology of documents/works for bibliography management in Cobiss from 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016, available online: https://home.izum.si/COBISS/bibliografije/Tipologija\_eng.pdf



Grade point average from including 8.0 to 8.6	20 points
Grade point average from including 8.6 to 9.2	30 points
Grade point average from including 9.2 to including 10	40 points

To calculate the average assessment grade, all grades from the transcript requested under Point 4.6 of the present call for applications shall be taken into account. Grades obtained at educational institutions outside Slovenia shall first be converted to the Slovene higher education grading scale. Based on such a conversion the average assessment grade shall be calculated to 4 decimal places and points awarded according to the scale from the previous paragraph.

The maximum possible number of points under this criterion is 40 points.

## 6. Ranking

If the applicants, whose applications comply with the conditions of the present Call, are in total applying for lower amount of resources that it is available under this call for applications, the applications shall not be evaluated and all the applicants complying with the conditions of the present call will be granted scholarship.

If the applicants, whose applications comply with the conditions of the present call, are in total applying for higher amount of resources that it is available under this call for applications the applications shall be evaluated according to the criteria determined by the present call for applications. Based on such an evaluation a priority list of applicants shall be compiled that will list the applicants on the basis of the points achieved, from the applicant with the highest to the one with the lowest score. Scholarships shall be awarded to those with higher number of points achieved in respect of the present call for applications criteria till the available resources of the present call are spent.

If several applicants on the priority list shall have the same number of points, scholarship shall be awarded based on the delimiting criteria, while any subsequent delimiting criteria would be considered only if the applicants cannot be ranked by any prior delimiting criterion:

- Applicants are admitted or enrolled to *master studies* (second level),
- Applicants have a *higher average assessment grade*, based on which they were assigned points on the criterion of average assessment grade.

The last applicant on the list, which is eligible to obtain the scholarship, but he would obtain just a part of that scholarship due to the amount of still available means, will be granted a scholarship in the full amount.

#### 7. Power of attorney

An applicant who lives abroad during the administrative scholarship selection procedure must have a trustee with residence in Slovenia to represent him in accordance with point 3.2. under this Call. An applicant can not be his own trustee.

Trustee is representing the applicant during the whole procedure of acquiring the scholarship, untill the issued decision is definitive and also in the subsequent procedure of scholarship granting, if the applicant receives the scholarship. Trustee helps the applicant understand the procedure and

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interpret documents in Slovenian language. Trustee is also responsible for submitting all the documentation required from applicant.

The power of attorney form is part of the documentation and is available at the website or at the head office of the Fund.

The power of attorney form must be submitted in the original and must be signed by both, the applicant and the trustee.

#### 8. Deadline and submission of applications

The deadline for submission of the application is set as closed deadline. The deadline for submission of the applications is **Monday**, **2**<sup>nd</sup> **September 2019** (closing date).

The application (the completed and signed application form, including the required documentation) must be submitted to the Fund to the following address:

*Public Scholarship, Development, Disability and Maintenance Fund of the Republic of Slovenia, Dunajska 20, 1000 Ljubljana* 

(With a note on the envelope: Call for Applications No. 268).

The application can be submitted to the Fund by postal service or in person during office hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9.00 to 14.30 Wednesday between 9.00 and 16.00 and Friday between 9.00 and 13.30.

The applications sent by e-mail without qualified electronic signature will not be considered as valid.

An application is considered well timed if it is received before the closing date. If the application is sent by registered mail (R), the sending date is considered as the date of receipt. If the application is sent by registered mail via the postal service of the Petrol gas station, the applicant has to, alongside the application form, submit also the copy of the invoice or the certificate from which it is clearly visible (day and hour) when the envelope was sent as a registered mail. The date and time of the invoice or the certificate will be considered as the date of receipt. If the applicant will not submit the certificate or invoice, his application will be considered as received on the day he sent the application. If the application is sent by regular mail or is submitted personally, the date and time when the Fund will receive the application, will be considered as the date of receipt.

Applications received after the closing date will be rejected.

An application is considered complete if it is submitted on the <u>application form and includes all the</u> <u>required documents and information</u> as per this Call for Applications.

**Applicants whose applications are incomplete will be invited to supplement them.** Document to supplement the application will be delivered by postal mail at the temporary address of the applicants or at the address of the trustee, if applicants have one.

Applicants or trustee are responsible for properly labeled mailbox on a temporary address in Slovenia in accordance with Postal Services Act and serving different types of post. Mailboxes at

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multiapartment buildings must have surname of the user labeled on them for each apartment. In case that the Fund will not be able to serve invitation to supplement to the applicant or a trustee by postal mail or in person, the Fund serves this document with public announcement in accordance with ZUP (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia No. 24/06, official consolidated text, 105/06-ZUS-1, 126/07, 65/08, 8/10 and 82/13; hereinafter reffered to as ZUP).

If the applicants will not supplement the application by the deadline specified in the invitation to complete the application, their application will be dismissed.

In accordance with Article 28, item 26, of the Administrative Fees Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia No. 106/10 - official consolidated text, 14/15 – ZUUJFO, 84/15 – ZZeIP-J and 32/16), no administrative fees are charged for applications under this Call for Applications.

## 9. Decision process and contractual (scholarship) relationship

The Fund will issue decisions on the outcome of this Call for Applications to all the applicants. The deadline for issuing the decisions is 60 (sixty) days <u>after the last application that has been received</u> <u>timely under this Call for Applications has been complete.</u> If applicants send all requested documentation as soon as possible (with an application or in accordance with the invitation to supplement it) they help to faster the procedure.

The positive decision where scholarship is granted will be sent to the address by regular mail. The negative decision where the scholarship is not granted will be delivered according to ZUP.

After the positive decision has become final and the documents required in the decision have been submitted to the Fund by the applicants, the Fund and the selected applicants will conclude a scholarship contract.

The payment of the scholarship is possible only after the scholarship contract has been signed in accordance with Articles 7 and 54 of the Scholarship Act. The transaction of scholarship for living costs is made to the bank account of the scholarship holder, that has to be opened at the bank in Slovenia or in other country of European Economic Area.

#### **10.** Contractual obligations

Scholarship holder has to:

- enrol regularly in higher year of studies and
- finish the studies in the deadline set in scholarship contract. After having finished the study the scholarship holder has to provide to the Fund the certificate that he has finished the study for which he granted scholarship.

The obligations are specifically determined by the scholarship contract, the Scholarship Act and the Regulation.

#### 11. Accessibility of documentation

The text of the Call for Applications, the application form, and the power of attorney form are available at <u>www.srips-rs.si</u> or at the head office of the Public Scholarship, Development, Disability



and Maintenance Fund of the Republic of Slovenia at Dunajska 20, 1000 Ljubljana, during office hours.

### **12.** Additional information

Additional information can be obtained from the Fund's website <u>www.srips-rs.si</u>, on the telephone number of the Fund or at the headquarters personally, during official hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.00 to 12.00, Wednesday also between 14.00 and 16.00 or on e-mail: <u>ad-futura@sklad-kadri.si</u>, or phone no. +386 (0)1 434 15 66.

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