

Global Youth Action Fund

Terms and Conditions

Presented by the International Baccalaureate Organization, a Swiss Foundation, with a registered address at Rue du Pré-de-la-Bichette 1, 1202 Geneva, Switzerland (the “IB”)

NO PURCHASE OR PAYMENT IS NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE.

VOID WHERE PROHIBITED OR RESTRICTED BY LAW.

The *Global Youth Action Fund* platform and grant will identify and recognize motivated students between the ages of 12 and 19 who demonstrate the skills needed to become the socially conscious leaders, innovators, entrepreneurs the world needs today. The platform will support students to create, innovate or expand on an impactful project of their own design.

Through an application and review process, this platform will seek to award a grant for up to 150 student initiatives focusing on social impact and innovation. It will encourage projects that allow for additional students from their school community to take on leadership roles and demonstrate potential for the idea to continue to grow and make an impact in their community. Finalists will become part of an annual peer-to-peer network of diverse students, receive a grant to support their project, and participate in sessions with different guests to discuss topics related to social entrepreneurship

1. Eligibility

The Global Youth Action Fund is open to any secondary student all around the world, who must have the recommendation and support of 1 teacher at their school.

For students that are under the age of majority, the student’s legal guardian must sign these terms and conditions to authorize the student to apply, receive the grant and participate in the Global Youth Action Fund.

All applicants must be between the age of 12 and 19 as of the application deadline and be enrolled in a secondary school at the time of the application. The IB reserves the right to verify an individual’s eligibility to participate.

By participating, applicants must

- (a) agree to be bound by these Terms and Conditions;
- (b) acknowledge compliance with these Terms and Conditions;
- (c) represent and warrant that applicant meets all of the eligibility criteria set forth in these Terms and Conditions;
- (d) agree to comply with any and all applicable federal, Canton and municipal, rules and regulations; and
- (e) agree to release and hold harmless the IB and any employees thereof from and against all claims, injury, or damages arising out of or relating to participation in the platform and/or the use, misuse or redemption of the grant, and for any claim including claims based on defamation, publicity rights, invasion of privacy, copyright infringement, trademark infringement, or any other intellectual property related cause of action.

2. To Enter

- a) Applicants must submit an application available on the IB website with their legal/team member names, the school(s) in which they attend, and a name for their project.
- b) Applications may be submitted by a team of up to 8 students, and team members may attend different schools.
- c) Applications must include a pitch deck, recording pitch, and teacher recommendation. In addition, students must provide a funding level request in USD and a statement describing how the funding is intended to be used.
- d) Applicants are required to describe their project or initiative, their personal connection to the project or initiative, their prior experience in this area of interest, the intended impact on their community, and define key success indicators, including the people, skills and resources they will need to complete the project or initiative.
- e) Applicants must include a recommendation from 1 teacher at their school.

Finalists selected by the review committee will be notified in writing of their selection of the grant. To receive a grant, finalists will be required to accept the terms and conditions of the grant and provide all required documentation prior to receiving any grant funding.

3. Judging for Applications

The Selection Committee will review each application and select up to 150 awardees. The IB reserves the right in its sole discretion to not select an application.

To determine the finalists, the IB will be making a holistic evaluation of eligible entries using the following factors:

- (a) **Impact-** Does the project demonstrate a clear positive impact on one of the UN Sustainable Development Goals? Preferences will be given to projects with the most impact.
- (b) **Stage of project-** What stage of development is the project in (idea, in-development, scaling, established)? Preference will be given to projects that are further along in the development process and have the possibility of scaling.
- (c) **Collaboration-** Does the project involve or have the capacity to involve other students? Preference will be given to projects that get more young people involved whenever possible.
- (d) **School Support-** Applications will require one teacher recommendation form. Preferences will be given to students who have a teacher recommendation that demonstrates their support of the project in addition to their confidence in the students involved.

4. Conflicts of Interest

All jurors participating, whether as members of the IB or the jury, will be prohibited from:

- a) judging any applicant they are affiliated with, or
- b) judging any applicant that they identify being unable to objectively evaluate.

5. Awardee Verification

- a) Entry into the *Global Youth Action Fund* platform and grant constitutes an agreement to these terms. If an applicant does not agree to these terms, the applicant will be disqualified, and any grant forfeited.

- b) To be eligible to receive the grant, each applicant must sign and return to the IB, within thirty (30) days of issuance of such documentation from the IB, these Terms and Conditions acknowledging and accepting all aspects of grant conditions.
- c) If an applicant is unable to participate in or accept the grant or any portion of the grant for any reason, the IB will have no further obligation to the applicant. Grant or grant documents returned to the IB as undeliverable will result in forfeiture of the grant. The IB expressly reserves the right to delay the announcement of the awardees for any reason it deems necessary.
- d) The IB reserves the right to select an alternate applicant in the event that any applicant fails to comply with these Terms and Conditions or fails to execute the documentation within the time frame specified.

6. Payment

- a) The grant will be released in June of the relevant year to eligible awardees. The IB shall have no responsibility or obligation to an awardee who is unable or unavailable to, or who does not for any reason, accept or utilize the grant. All costs and expenses not specifically listed above as part of the grant are solely the awardee's responsibility.
- b) Each applicant selected as a finalist will be eligible to receive a grant of no more than USD 3,000. Grant amount will vary by applicant and project. Payment currency is determined by the beneficiary bank account currency. The IB will not charge bank transfer fees; however, the IB is not liable for exchange rate fees or fees charged by the beneficiary's bank.
- c) The IB can only remit payment to the applicant, parent or legal guardian of the applicant who applied for the fund. If the applicant, parent or legal guardian does not have a bank account, the IB can remit payment to a project team member or the school. In that case an agreement form must be signed and stamped. This is only advisable if applicant, parent or legal guardian does not have a bank account.
- d) The money has to be solely used for the project that has been awarded. Awardees are allowed to use the money only in the way they described it in the project. Any other use is prohibited and will result in sanctions and possible legal pursuits by the IB. Any unused grant funds must be returned to the IB at the end of the project. Awardees must keep receipts and proof of the grant expenditure. Awardees must be able to demonstrate that the costs submitted in the budget sheet have been actually incurred.
- e) Taxes: Any and all tax liabilities (including income and withholding taxes) and any other costs and expenses associated with grant acceptance and use not specified herein as being provided are the responsibility of the awardees.

7. Publicity Release and Intellectual Property

By participating, each awardee grants the right to the IB, and its representatives, affiliates, licensees and assigns, to record, film, videotape and photograph such Finalist ("Images"). These Images will be owned by the IB. The IB and each of its designees shall have the right to use, re-use, reproduce, publish, display, exhibit, distribute, edit, adapt, post, stream, copy and exploit such Images, and all elements embodied therein, including any names, likenesses, address, voice, conversation,

biographical and grant information and any other attributes of such finalist, individually or with others, in whole or in part, in conjunction with other material, if any and all media now known or hereafter devised, for the purpose of trade, advertising, publicity, promotion, or list of awardees or any other lawful purpose whatsoever, in perpetuity, throughout the world, without additional compensation, consideration, notification or permission, except where prohibited by law.

The awardee however has an exclusive right, except from the exceptions listed above, to the intellectual property of their project. The awardees will grant the IB a non-exclusive, unrestricted and unlimited license to use the intellectual property.

8. Applicant Conduct

Each applicant is responsible for complying fully with both the letter and spirit of all the provisions of these Terms and Conditions. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the *Global Youth Action Fund* platform and grant.

9. General Terms

- a) The IB reserves the right, throughout all phases of the *Global Youth Action Fund*, to take any additional steps it deems reasonably necessary to ensure that each applicant meets the qualification standards set forth herein, has otherwise complied with these Terms and Conditions, and is not engaged in any morally suspect activity. Applicants agree to comply with all such measures and understand that their continuing eligibility to participate (including the right to receive any grants in connection therewith) is expressly conditioned on such compliance.
- b) The IB is not responsible if the *Global Youth Action Fund* platform and grant cannot take place, or if any grant cannot be awarded due to events outside of the reasonable control of the IB. If, for any reason, the *Global Youth Action Fund* is not capable of running as planned, the IB reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel, modify, or suspend the *Global Youth Action Fund* without liability of any kind to the applicants. The IB reserves the right to modify and amend these Terms and Conditions from time to time. Failure by the IB to enforce any term of these Terms and Conditions shall not constitute a waiver of that provision.
- c) By participating, all applicants agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the IB from any and all damages, claims, and liability (including attorney's fees and costs) arising out of or relating in any way to applicant's participation and acceptance or use of any grant and to release all rights to bring any claim, action or proceeding against the IB. This includes, but is not limited to, any and all claims, demands, and causes of action for personal injuries or death and/or damage to personal or real property, theft, loss, or damage of any kind, or any other harm suffered directly or indirectly arising from or in connection with any applicant's participation or acceptance or use of any grant or, including, but not limited to, traveling to, preparing for and/or participating in any grant related activity and for any claims based on publicity rights, defamation, invasion of privacy and merchandise delivery.
- d) The IB assumes no responsibility for any typographical or other error in the printing of the offer, administration of the platform, errors in processing entries, identifying the awardees, in the announcement of the grants and awardees, and the delivery of the grants.

10. Severability

To the extent that any provision of these Terms and Conditions or any paragraph, term, sentence, phrase, clause or word of these Terms and Conditions shall be found to be void, illegal or unenforceable for any reason (and not subject to further appeal),

- a) the remaining terms and provisions hereof shall be unimpaired and shall remain in full force and effect, and
- b) the illegal, invalid or unenforceable provision or term shall be replaced by a term or provision that is valid and enforceable and that comes closest to expressing the intention of such invalid or unenforceable term or provision.

11. Governing Law

The *Global Youth Action Fund* is governed by the laws of the country of Switzerland and those of the Canton of the Republic of Geneva and the municipality of Geneva.

Signatures

[I, _____ [print name] HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____ (Student)]

[I, _____ [print name] HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____ (Guardian, if applicable)]