

REGULATIONS FOR AWARDING THE UNIVERSITY OF LODZ “ZŁOTA PIĄTKA” SCHOLARSHIP

Preamble

On the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the establishment of the University of Lodz and with a view to promoting exceptionally gifted young people, the Rector of the University of Lodz, acting in agreement with the President of the University of Lodz Foundation, establishes the “Złota Piątka” (Golden Five) Scholarship. The programme is implemented by the University of Lodz Foundation based on the Foundation's Statute, in particular § 6 points 7 and 8 and § 7 points 1 and 24, as an educational initiative supporting the development of human capital.

§ 1. General Provisions

The University of Lodz “Złota Piątka” Scholarship, hereinafter referred to as the “Scholarship”, is established to honour secondary school students achieving outstanding academic results and participating in school, scientific or research activities connected with the University of Lodz.

The Scholarship is awarded annually through a competition, starting from the year 2025, under the rules defined in these Regulations.

§ 2. Eligibility Criteria

The Scholarship may be awarded to a student (hereinafter referred to as the “Applicant”) in the final year of studies at:

- the Public Secondary School of the University of Lodz named after the Righteous Among the Nations, or
- the British International School of the University of Lodz.

The Applicant must meet all of the following conditions:

1. be taking the Polish Matura exam or its international equivalent in the same school year in which the Scholarship is being applied for;
2. achieve outstanding academic results, in particular through participation and success in subject Olympiads (at national or international level), scientific or artistic competitions, publication activity, involvement in scientific research or participation in research projects, confirmed by relevant documents attached to the Application;
3. demonstrate academic, organizational or other activity related to the mission of the University of Lodz, also confirmed by relevant documents.

§ 3. Application Procedure

The Applicant shall submit the following by 30 April of the given year:

1. a completed application form, in accordance with the template attached as an appendix to these Regulations;
2. originals or certified copies of documents confirming the achievements referred to in § 2 point 2;
3. documents confirming the activity referred to in § 2 point 3.

Applications and attachments shall be submitted via the electronic form available at www.fundacja.uni.lodz.pl no later than 30 April, by 3:00 PM.

In the case of obvious clerical errors or missing documents, the Applicant may correct or supplement the application within 5 working days of receiving a relevant notice from the Foundation.

Applications shall undergo a formal and substantive assessment carried out by the Scholarship Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee"). The assessment shall be based on the criteria set out in the application form. Only those achievements and activities documented by the Applicant will be considered.

The Committee shall be composed of three members: the Rector of the University of Lodz or a designated member of the Rector's Council, a representative of the Centre for Education and Student Affairs of the University of Lodz, and a representative of the University of Lodz Foundation.

A report of the Committee's meeting shall be drawn up and signed by all members involved in the evaluation process.

The decision to award the Scholarship is made by the Committee.

No appeal shall be available against the Committee's decision.

§ 4. Amount and Payment of the Scholarship

The Scholarship is funded by the University of Lodz Foundation.

It is paid in two instalments, following the conclusion of a scholarship agreement between the Scholar and the University of Lodz Foundation:

1. the first instalment is paid as a one-off amount by the end of May of the year in which the scholarship is granted;

2. the second instalment is paid upon presentation of a confirmation that the Scholar has obtained the status of a student at the University of Lodz, no later than by the end of September of the same year.

Where required by law, the Foundation may deduct and remit income tax on behalf of the Scholar. The Scholarship amount is then reduced by the value of the tax advance.

The funds are transferred to the bank account indicated by the Scholar in the agreement.

The amount of the Scholarship is determined annually by the Rector of the University of Lodz in consultation with the President of the Foundation. Each instalment shall not be less than PLN 1,000 net.

§ 5. Loss of Entitlement to the Scholarship

The Scholar shall lose entitlement to the Scholarship or its disbursement in the event of:

1. violation of these Regulations;
2. submission of false data in the application;
3. failure to meet the conditions set out in § 2.

In such cases, the Rector of the University of Lodz, in agreement with the President of the Foundation, may terminate the scholarship agreement and require the Scholar to return any funds already disbursed, setting an appropriate deadline for repayment.

§ 6. Independence of the Benefit

The Scholarship is awarded independently of any other financial benefits the student may receive.

§ 7. Final Provisions

Matters not covered by these Regulations shall be resolved by the Rector of the University of Lodz in agreement with the President of the Foundation.

The provisions of the Polish Code of Administrative Procedure do not apply to the procedure for awarding the Scholarship.

§ 8. Administrative Support

Administrative support for the Scholarship awarding and disbursement process is provided by the University of Lodz Foundation.

§ 9. Personal Data Processing

The controller of personal data is the University of Lodz Foundation.

The data is processed for the purpose of implementing the Scholarship process, including the assessment of applications, payment of the benefit, and reporting obligations.

Applicants have the right to access their data, rectify it, delete it, restrict processing, or object to its processing.

Data is not transferred to third countries or international organisations.

Detailed information on data processing is available on the Foundation's website.

§ 10. Amendments to the Regulations

The University of Lodz Foundation reserves the right to amend these Regulations. Amendments will be announced on the Foundation's website.

§ 11. Appendices

The application form template constitutes an appendix to these Regulations and is available on the website of the University of Lodz Foundation.

APPLICATION FOR THE 20.../20..... ACADEMIC YEAR

“ZŁOTA PIĄTKA” SCHOLARSHIP ON THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LODZ

APPLICANT'S DETAILS

SURNAME:

FIRST NAME:

PERMANENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS:

(street, building number, apartment number, postcode, city)

CONTACT TELEPHONE:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

I HEREBY DECLARE THAT I AM:

1. A secondary school student (name of school):

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2. I intend to undertake studies at the University of Lodz:

Faculty:

Programme:

ACHIEVEMENTS:

1a. **Winner of an International Olympiad:** yes/no*

1b. **Finalist of an International Olympiad:** yes/no*

2. Name of the International Olympiad:

3a. **Winner of a National Olympiad:** yes/no*

3b. **Finalist of a National Olympiad:** yes/no*

4. Name of the National Olympiad:

5a. **Winner of a science competition:** yes/no*

5b. **Finalist of a science competition:** yes/no*

6. Name of the competition, place, date:

7a. **Winner of an art competition:** yes/no*

7b. **Finalist of an art competition:** yes/no*

8. Name of the competition, place, date:

9a. **Author of a publication:** yes/no*

9b. **Co-author of a publication:** yes/no*

10. Title of the publication, place, name of journal or book, date of publication:

11. **Participation in scientific research:** yes/no*

12. Description of scientific research:

13. **Participation in scientific projects:** yes/no*

14. Description of the project:

15. **Sports achievements:** yes/no*

16. Name of achievement, place, date:

17. **Certificates:** yes/no*

18. Name of the certificates obtained:

19. **Social activity:**

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20. **Other activity, including activity for the benefit of the University of Lodz** (not listed above):

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Justification of the application

Describe your future development plans and convince the University authorities of your candidacy (maximum 1000 characters).

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