

# DAFI Scholarship Programme - 2022 Intake

## Application Form

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Please read the instructions carefully and make sure you understand the criteria and conditions of the scholarship before applying.

Women and persons with specific needs are encouraged to apply.

The deadline for submission of this application is: **[20<sup>th</sup> June, 2022]**

### ABOUT THE DAFI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Since 1992, the German Government has financed the annual [Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative \(DAFI\)](#), which aims to help young refugees around the world to start or continue their higher education.

The DAFI programme aims to support qualified, academically strong young refugee women and men who meet the requirements to access higher education in their first country of asylum. The DAFI scholarship aims to empower young women and men equally to contribute knowledge, skills and leadership to the refugee community, and to facilitate peaceful coexistence, social cohesion, and the development of host communities during displacement. To achieve this, each sponsored student is expected to contribute to their community and society not only through their academic and professional careers, but also through their personal engagement, supporting and inspiring other community members, especially refugee children and youth.

DAFI scholarships are awarded for a maximum of four years of study at bachelor or equivalent degree levels in accredited higher education institutions and maximum of three years for technical and vocational courses. The DAFI programme does not support Master's level study.

A DAFI scholarship covers the cost of tuition fees, study and learning materials and other education-related costs such as for research or internships. The scholarship also provides a subsistence allowance to defray the cost of food, transport, accommodation and other expenses associated with participation in a higher education degree programme.

DAFI scholars participate in social, peer and community engagement and skills development activities. UNHCR and education partners maintain close contact with each scholar and with the higher education institutions they study at to ensure the academic success and well-being of each student.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA – Higher Education

To apply for a DAFI scholarship you must meet the following criteria:

- You are an individual who has been granted **refugee status** in the host country.
- You are 30 years or younger** at the start of your studies. (Exceptions to the age limitation may apply if you started your bachelor studies in your home country but had to interrupt your studies due to flight, or if you faced particular challenges to access higher education programmes because of a specific factor such as: parenting or child care responsibilities, disability, etc.)
- You are enrolled** in HEC Recognized Higher educational institute/University.
- You have a high/secondary school diploma and you can present the original documents attesting your achievements.** If you do not possess the relevant documents, please contact UNHCR or the Inspire Pakistan and explain your situation

prior to submission of your application. Indicate the reason you cannot submit an original certificate on the application form.

- You achieved at-least **60% marks** in higher secondary school or last examination(Bachelors)
- You are **proficient in the language of instruction** of the degree programme in which you wish to enroll.
- You are **not currently receiving any other scholarship** from another source.
- You are in need of financial assistance** to pursue your studies.
- You have a strong motivation** to contribute to your community through leadership, volunteering, community service, mentoring, community development or similar.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA – Technical Education

To apply for a DAFI scholarship you must meet the following criteria:

- You are an individual who has been granted **refugee status** in the host country or you are considered as in need of international protection by UNHCR and/or the host country.
- You are 30 years or younger** at the start of your studies. (Exceptions to the age limitation may apply if you started your bachelor studies in your home country but had to interrupt your studies due to flight, or if you faced particular challenges to access higher education programmes because of a specific factor such as: parenting or child care responsibilities, disability, etc.
- You are enrolled** in Technical Institute registered with government of Pakistan.
- You have a secondary school diploma from Pakistani education system or Higher Secondary from Afghani Education system and you can present the original documents attesting your achievements.** If you do not possess the relevant documents, please contact UNHCR or the Inspire Pakistan and explain your situation. prior to submission of your application. Indicate the reason you cannot submit an original certificate on the application form.
- You achieved at-least **50% marks** in secondary school (Pakistani education) or higher secondary school (Afghani education) or in last examination of technical education.
- You are **proficient in the language of instruction** of the degree programme in which you wish to enroll.
- You are **not currently receiving any other scholarship** from another source.
- You are in need of financial assistance** to pursue your studies.
- You have a strong motivation** to contribute to your community through leadership, volunteering, community service, mentoring, community development or similar.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The DAFI scholarship may be renewed each year for up to four years based on regular class attendance, successful completion of each semester and academic year, progress towards the degree within the regular study time foreseen by the higher education institution, and participation in DAFI programme activities such as the DAFI club and community engagement.

At the beginning of each academic year, DAFI scholars sign a Scholarship Agreement form. DAFI scholars are expected to work diligently towards the successful completion of the programme of study and to inform UNHCR, the project partner or a counsellor at the higher education institution if you are experiencing challenges, whether personal or academic. In cases of fraud or misconduct, the scholarship will be discontinued immediately. In case of repeated absenteeism, underperformance or academic failure, continuation or discontinuation of the scholarship will be determined by the partners taking into account the circumstances, reasons or explanation provided.

Tuition and required study fees are paid directly to the scholar after receiving required documents such as bonafide letter, transcripts. Whereas scholar has to provide fee receipt every semester to Inspire Pakistan team to ensure that scholarship is utilized properly and university dues are paid timely. Scholarship support will be withheld in case scholar are not able to pay university dues timely.

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The application must include all required documents. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

### 1. Application process

- Collect all necessary documents for your application and complete the application form.
- Obtain information about fields of study, which higher education institutions offer the study programme you wish to follow and what the admission requirements are.
- Submit your completed and signed application **before or on the due date with all required documents.**
- Wait to receive further information from UNHCR or Inspire Pakistan regarding your application. If your application meets the formal application and eligibility criteria, you will receive an invitation for an interview. Given the high number of applications received, you will only be contacted if you are shortlisted.
- If after the interview your application is considered, you will be contacted by UNHCR or Inspire Pakistan. The scholarship comes into effect after the signing of a scholarship agreement and your respective acceptance of the scholarship.

### 2. Collect and prepare the required documents

- Letter of motivation explaining your motivation to study, professional aspirations, and plans for the future; how your personal, family, and/or social situation make you suited for and deserving of the scholarship; any specific details concerning your situation such as the lack of documentation and certificates. The letter should be no longer than 500 words and written in the language of instruction of your programme of study (English Preferably)
- One completed and signed application form.
- Two passport photos, with your name on the back stapled to your application form.
- Copy of registration with the relevant authorities POR Card/recognized refugee card showing international protection status.
- Copy of your high school transcripts and diploma or certification of completion (if issued in another country, transcript should be validated by the Ministry of Education certifying recognition of the diploma)
- If you have previously been enrolled in higher education, copy of transcript of prior learning or credit completed.
- If you have already been admitted or enrolled in a higher education institution in your first country of asylum, submit record of enrollment or letter of acceptance Bonafide letter/Admission Offer letter.

### 3. Application submission

- Once the call for applications has been made, submit only the Scholarship Application Form (pages 4-14 of this packet) and required supplementary documents.
- Submit complete application materials to the designated address before or on the due date: **[20<sup>th</sup> June, 2022]**
- **Please mention clearly on the envelope the education type for which you seek support i.e. Under graduate Degree or Technical education.**

- Submit paper based documents in an envelope with your name on the outside to the below mentioned address through courier and by hand for the refugees living in Rawalpindi and Islamabad.

**The Project Manager – DAFI Programme,  
Address: House No. 351, Street No. 72 Sector G-11/2, Islamabad.**

## DAFI Scholarship Application Form

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To be filled out by the applicant. Please complete all items and ensure handwriting is readable. All the sections are to be completed. Incomplete application form will be rejected.

### Part I - General information

1. First name	
2. Last name	
<i>Please write names exactly as they appear in your identity ( POR card/UNHCR card) or academic documents.</i>	

3. Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)	
4. Place of birth	
5. Nationality(ies)	Country: _____ City/Village: _____
6. <i>POR card/UNHCR card</i> number	
7. Month and Year of entry to Pakistan?	
8. Marital Status (Please select one)	Single: <input type="checkbox"/> Married: <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced: <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed: <input type="checkbox"/>

9. Children	No Children:	Children(Please add number):
10. Current Occupation/Activity (Please select one)	<input type="radio"/> High school graduate (just completed high school) <input type="radio"/> University student (already enrolled in university) <input type="radio"/> Technical Education (Enrolled in Technical institute) <input type="radio"/> Previous university studies complete, interrupted due to: <input type="radio"/> Employed, please specify: <input type="radio"/> Self-employed, please specify: <input type="radio"/> Casual work, please specify: <input type="radio"/> Other, please specify:	

11. Current Physical Address	
12. Mobile Number	
13. Alternate number or Whatsapp, number if different from mobile number provided.	
14. Email Address	

## Part II - Family situation

### 15. Parent/Caregiver information

	Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)	Location (Country, Deceased, Other)
a. Father				
b. Mother				
c. Main Caregiver (If different from parent)				

**16. Siblings Information**

Last Name, First Name	Female/Male (F/M)	Age	Do they attend School? (Y/N)	If yes. What grade/Level?	Do they Work? (Y/N)	If yes, what type of work?	Do you live in the same household? (Y/N)
1.							
2.							
3.							
4.							
5.							

**17. Dependent information**

*Provide information about your spouse, children, and/or other dependents. If there are more than two dependents, please include additional information on a separate sheet of paper.*

I do not have children or dependents

If you do have children or dependents, please complete the following:

Dependent (1)			
Last Name:		First Name:	
Relationship (Spouse, Child, etc.)			
Age			
Date of Birth	Day:	Month:	Year:
Place of Birth	Country:	City/Village:	
Current Residence	Country:	City/Village:	
Dependent (2)			
Last Name:		First Name:	
Relationship (Spouse, Child, etc.)			
Age			
Date of Birth	Day:	Month:	Year:
Place of Birth	Country:	City/Village:	
Current Residence	Country:	City/Village:	

**18. Specific needs**

*Please indicate if you or another close family member are living with a disability or serious medical condition or any other special circumstances that should be taken into account. If possible, include medical record with your application.*

- I have a specific need
- One of my family members has a specific **need**:  
Last name, first name, age and relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_
- I have a specific need and a family member has a specific need:
- Not applicable

<p><b>a. Type of Condition (Please select what applies)</b></p>	<p>Visual impairment: Hearing impairment: Physical impairment: Chronic disease, please specify: Injury, please specify: Serious medical condition, please specify: Other, please specify:</p>
<p><b>b. Type of specific assistance needed (medication, therapy, special food, protection, accommodation, care, reading material, hearing aids, etc.)</b></p>	
<p><b>c. If you have a specific need</b>, please indicate whether it will impact your studies and any additional accommodations/assistance that may be required to support you in your studies (e.g. accessible accommodation/ sign language interpreter).</p>	

**Part III - Social/economic situation**

**19. Parents' profession and education level**

	Father (or Caregiver)	Mother (or Caregiver)
Level of education (highest level of education achieved <u>or</u> number of years in school)		
Current Profession		
Estimated Monthly income		

**20. Family/household monthly income (please indicate currency)**

<b>a. Total Monthly Income (estimated)</b>	Amount/Currency:
<b>b. Who earns most of the monthly household income?</b>	Amount/Currency:
<b>c. Amount and source of household financial resources if you, your parents/caregiver/ head of household are not working. (Relative etc.)</b>	Amount/Currency:  Source:
<b>d. Do you receive cash based support?</b>	Amount/Currency:
<b>e. If you receive cash based support, from which source?</b>	UNHCR  WFP  Other UN agency  Government Agency  Non-Governmental agency, please specify:  Other, Please specify:

**Part IV - Academic background**

**21. Higher Secondary School**

Dates of attendance	From (mm/yyyy):	To (mm/yyyy):
Location of school	Country:	City:
Name of School		
Student registration number		
Year Graduated		
Grade average (as reported in the country of study)		
Official/certified copy of high school diploma attached	Yes:	

	<p>No:</p> <p><i>If no, please explain why not:</i> _____</p>
<p>If applicable: equivalence certificate from Ministry of education/IBCC:</p>	<p>Yes:</p> <p>No:</p> <p><i>If no, please explain why not:</i></p> <p>_____</p>

## 22. Previous Higher Education Institute information (If Applicable)

This section is to be filled only if you were previously enrolled in higher education institution and there was interruption in your study Programme due to any given reason. If not please proceed to the next section.

Date of Enrollment:	from (mm/yyyy):	To (mm/yyyy):
Number of semesters completed		
Location of University	Country:	city:
Name of University		
Subject Studying		
Degree Obtained (Y/N)		
Reason studies were interrupted (If Any)	<p>If yes, the reason was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> I was forced to flee</li> <li><input type="radio"/> I lacked the financial means to support myself</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Illness.</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Needed to support my family and had to work</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Other, Please specify: _____</li> </ul>	
Official/ certified copy of the results attached:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> Yes</li> <li><input type="radio"/> No</li> </ul> <p><i>If no, please explain why not:</i> _____</p>	

**23. Languages**

Indicate language level [native (N), excellent (E), good (G), and basic (B)] for each category. Include the Language of instruction applicable to the course you seek to enroll in.

<b>Languages:</b> Indicate: N – native, E – excellent, G – good, B - basic	<b>Comprehension</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Writing</b>	<b>Speaking</b>	<b>Proficiency certificate. (Y/N)</b>

**24. Computers and Technology**

Check which apply to the availability of a personal computer to you:

- I own a personal computer
- I do not own a personal computer
- We have one personal computer in the family that I can use from time to time
- I only have a smartphone which connects to the internet
- I do not have access to any means of connectivity to the internet.
- Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check (x) which apply to your skills in working with a computer and using the internet. Lack of experience or skills with technology will not impact your likelihood of selection.

<b>Skill/ Experience</b>	<b>Never used/ No experience</b>	<b>Limited Knowledge</b>	<b>Some Practical knowledge</b>	<b>Advanced practical knowledge</b>
<i>General Computer Use</i>				
<i>Microsoft Word</i>				
<i>Microsoft Excel</i>				
<i>Email Functions</i>				
<i>Search Functions</i>				
<i>Programming</i>				
<i>Statistical Work</i>				
<i>Other</i>				

Other				
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**25. Professional Experience**

- I do not have professional experience, not applicable
- If applicable, please provide the following information

Name of company, organization, agency worked for	From (Month/Year)	To (Month/Year)	Type of work, position held
1.			
2.			
3.			

**26. Social and community engagement/volunteering:**

*List community, social, sports, school, other activities you regularly participate in.*

- I do not participate in any activities, not applicable
- If applicable, please provide the following information:

Type of work	From (Month/Year)	To (Month/Year)	Details of activity, role, position held
1.			
2.			
3.			

**28. Hobbies**

*Explain your interests and hobbies (reading, social engagements, arts, sports, etc.), 200 words or less.*

## Part V - Your study plan for this scholarship

(Tick the relevant option)

- I am not enrolled in any higher education institute
- I have applied for admission and decision pending. (please provide the following information)
- I am enrolled** in higher educational institute (please provide the following information)

Date of Enrollment:	From (MM/YYYY):	To (MM/YYYY):
Name of University		
Location of University	Country:	City:
Current semester		
Program of Study (e.g.) <i>BBA/BS/BSC/BCS etc.</i>		
Discipline(e.g.) <i>Computer Science, Marketing, medical, health etc.</i>		
Degree Obtained (Y/N)		
Official/ certified copy of the results attached:	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No  <i>If no, please explain why not:</i> _____	
Are you already enrolled or Have you applied for admission or been placed at one of the institutions mentioned above for the current or next academic year? If yes, please attach proof/letter of admission.	<p><b>Tick the Appropriate</b></p> <input type="radio"/> Already enrolled	
	<p>I have applied for admission at the following institution:</p> <hr/> <p>Letter of admission/ Bonafide attached</p> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
What is the estimated duration of the programme of study? (Number of academic years or semesters)		

Please explain your personal and professional motivation for your preferred field of study. Mention employment opportunities, relevance to personal or community development, other factors influencing your choice? (200 words or less)

## Part VI - Additional information

29. Have you received any higher education scholarship before?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="radio"/> No</li><li><input type="radio"/> Yes</li></ul> <p>If yes:</p> <p>Name of the scholarship provider:</p> <p>Period for which scholarship was provided:</p> <p>Country in which scholarship was received:</p> <p>Field of study or degree supported:</p> <p>Study completed/ Degree obtained: Yes/No</p>
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**34. If you are awarded a DAFI scholarship, what would be expected of you in terms of caring for your family/dependents during your studies? (200 words or less)**

I am not responsible for the care of any dependents or family member,

- Not applicable**
- if applicable, please explain.**

**35. Where did you hear about DAFI scholarship program from? (please tick the relevant option)**

- Inspire Pakistan website
- Inspire Pakistan facebook page
- DAFI Pakistan facebook page
- UNHCR website/ facebook page
- MORR facebook page
- Friend/DAFI scholar
- University
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Part VI - Information certification

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify that my statements in response to the above questions are true, complete and accurate. I understand that any false information provided in this application will affect my chances of selection. I undertake to inform UNHCR of any significant changes to my circumstances without delay.

I confirm that I am not receiving funding/scholarship from any other organization or donor to pursue my tertiary education.

I understand that this application does not guarantee selection for the scholarship. If selected, I will make myself available for an interview and provide any additional information required.

I certify that I have read and understood the terms and conditions of the DAFI scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_

*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Full name*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Place and date*

## Part VII - Declaration of Consent

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand and agree to the following:

- UNHCR or its designated partner will share personal data contained in this application form with a DAFI Selection Committee. The Selection Committee will use the data for the preparation and conduct of interviews and the selection of candidates for the DAFI scholarship.
- Members of the DAFI Selection Committee are representatives from a variety of institutions and organisations including UNHCR and possibly including the German Embassy, academic institutions, government officials, non-governmental organisations active in education, youth or livelihoods sectors, private or public sector representatives, other UN agencies, or other organisations involved in higher education. All members of a DAFI Selection Committee engage in respecting the confidentiality of the personal data contained in this application form.
- UNHCR or its designated partner may need to share data contained in this application form with higher education institutions and other relevant scholarship providers, strictly limited to that concerning the scholarship and in due respect of data confidentiality.
- Apart from the above, UNHCR will keep all my personal data confidential.
- I may request access to, correction and deletion of my personal data or object to its further processing. I understand that in the event of an objection to further processing of data during the selection process, it may impact my ability to proceed in the DAFI scholarship selection process. I can make requests by contacting **DAFI Programme Team** at [Dafi@inspirepk.org](mailto:Dafi@inspirepk.org)/ 051-2362583.
- I understand that in the event that I am selected for a DAFI scholarship, a request to delete my personal data may not be granted by UNHCR for monitoring and accountability purposes.

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*Applicant signature*

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*Full name*

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*Place and date*