

Scholarship Eligibility Check

- Orange Knowledge Programme (OKP)
- Mena Scholarship Programme (MSP)

Eligibility criteria

For OKP Scholarships:

- There is **no age limit**.
- The candidate must be a national of, and working and living in, one of the following countries on [OKP country list](#).
- The candidate must not be employed by an organisation that has its own means of staff development, for example:
 - multinational corporations (e.g. Shell, Unilever, Microsoft),
 - large national and/or large commercial organisations,
 - bilateral donor organisations (e.g. USAID, DFID, Danida, Sida, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, FinAid, AusAid, ADC, SwissAid),
 - multilateral donor organisations, (e.g. a UN organisation, the World Bank, the IMF, Asian Development Bank, African Development Bank, IADB),
 - international NGO's (e.g. Oxfam, Plan, Care);
- The candidate must have a current **Employer Statement** according to the [prescribed Nuffic Format](#). **All the requested segments must be completed.**
- The Employer Statement must be scanned with the **original signature AND stamp of the organisation**, and preferably on official letterhead of the organisation.
- **If applicable**, the candidate must have a **government statement** that meets the requirements of the country in which the employer is established..
- The candidate must have a passport that is valid at least four months after the application deadline.
- The candidate must not have received more than 1 OKP Scholarship in the past, or a scholarship less than 2 years ago.
- Candidates are only allowed 1 scholarship application, regardless of the institute. Should you register more than 1, only the last application will be valid.
- The short courses are taught in English. Therefore, it is important that **your English language skills** (writing and speaking) **are good**. Please add language proficiency scores if this is relevant.
- **Minimum of 2 years relevant work experience** is required, working with or for local or regional authorities, Civil Society Organisations, Local or Regional NGO's etc. It is to your advantage if the work/experience is related to the content of the training.

For MSP Scholarships:

- You must meet the ALL the same requirements as mentioned above for OKP Scholarships.
- You must **not be over 45 years of age on the application deadline (+ 2 weeks)**. *(this only applies for MSP Scholarships applications)*
- You must be a national of, and working and living in one of the countries on the following [MSP country list](#) valid at the time of application;

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About your eligibility

If your application does not meet the eligibility criteria it will be rejected regardless of any effort, time and money you put into it. Each institute has a **limited number of candidates to be nominated**. The assessment by The Hague Academy will be done on the same criteria as the Netherlands Embassy.

Besides the general eligibility criteria, your application will be assessed on:

- The degree to which you fit into the target group of the programme;
- Why you are the designated / nominated candidate within your organisation;
- How the knowledge you acquire will contribute to the capacity building of your organisation;
- To what extent the knowledge will contribute to the development of your home country;
- How, in light of your role, multiple years of relevant work experience and networks within a theme relevant to local development, you are in a position (or through your employer could be put in a position) to apply what you have learnt in practice.
- How SMART your Back Home Action Plan has been described and how well you would be able to implement the newly-acquired knowledge in your daily work;
- How well your application is aligned to the **country focus** each embassy has set:
 - [For OKP Scholarships](#)
 - [For MSP Scholarships](#)