

## **Aide-Memoire on grants for education in Belarus**

The Government of the Republic of Belarus provides grants for foreign citizens to receive education in Russian or Belarusian languages at Belarusian universities and colleges on an annual basis.

**The grants allow to receive:**

a scholarship;  
scholarship supplements for excellent academic performance in studies, scientific and social work, and material assistance (if necessary);  
accommodation in the dormitories for the period of study.

Expenses on travel to the place of study and back, accommodation, meals, medical insurance, visa and registration **are covered by foreign citizens themselves.**

Foreign citizens planning to study in Belarus on the basis of grants can improve their proficiency of Russian or Belarusian languages at the Republican Institute of Higher School at the courses "Russian as a foreign language", "Belarusian as a foreign language" (full-time, part-time or distance), as well as pass certification tests after finishing the above courses, and get an appropriate document confirming proficiency in Russian and (or) Belarusian languages, for its subsequent submission during the selection procedure.

Recruitment for the above courses is carried out all year round by the Training Center for International Cooperation in Education of the Republican Institute of Higher School (address 15 Moskovskaya St., Minsk, 220007; contact person – Ms. Tatyana Sandalova, Head of the Language Testing Laboratory, tel. +375 17 395 79 40, mob. +375 29 721 90 28, icec@edu.by, icecinf@gmail.com).

Up-to-date information for foreign citizens about enrollment in Belarusian educational institutions, study and accommodation is available on the web-portal of the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Belarus "**Study in Belarus**" ([www.studyinby.com](http://www.studyinby.com)).

In order to apply for a grant to study in Belarus, foreign citizens should provide **the following documents:**

- application for admission in a free form with arguments in favor of the chosen specialty;
- copies of the document for traveling abroad and (or) identity document;
- copy of the document on education (or a certificate confirming that a foreign citizen is a student, indicating marks in all subjects certified by the head of the educational institution);
- copy of the document confirming knowledge of Russian and (or) Belarusian languages (if available);

- copies of a medical document on the state of health indicating the possibility of study in the chosen specialty, and a certificate of absence of HIV infection issued by the official health authority of the candidate's country;
- a reference letter from the place of study (for students);
- documents confirming a Belarusian origin (in case the person is categorized as a foreign citizen who (or their relatives in the direct ascending line) were born or resided in today's territory of the Republic of Belarus);
- documents confirming the preferential right to participate in the selection process.

**The preferential right** to participate in the selection process is given to foreign citizens who:

- are winners (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places) or laureates of international competitions of scientific works in academic subjects corresponding to the subject of the first profile test in the specialty;
- have at least two-year practical work experience in the relevant field of activity after graduation from a college or university with the appropriate graduation document received;
- are winners (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places) of international competitions and (or) other educational events organized by educational institutions of the Republic of Belarus in academic subjects (disciplines) (in case of admission to specialties with the subject (discipline) of the first major test), or authors of presentations at international conferences organized by educational institutions of the Republic of Belarus;
- submitted a list and copies of published scientific works, descriptions of inventions, reports on completed research and development (if any), diplomas confirming victories (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places) in international Olympiads, and/or other educational activities in academic subjects (disciplines) (if any) upon admission to specialties with the subject (discipline) of the first major test.