

## Call for applications: Scholarship Support for Roma Students Enrolled in Medical Studies for the 2020 – 2021 academic year

In the framework of the Active Citizens Fund Bulgaria under the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014 – 2021

### Call for Applications and Application Guidelines

#### I. Introduction

The present call for scholarship applications in support of Roma students enrolled in medical studies is organized within the framework of the Active Citizens Fund Bulgaria under the European Economic Area (EEA) Financial Mechanism 2014 – 2021. Donor states Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway have awarded EUR 15 500 000 to the Active Citizens Fund in Bulgaria per a Memorandum of Understanding signed with the Republic of Bulgaria. The objective of the Active Citizens Fund Bulgaria is: *“Strengthened civil society and active citizenship and empowered vulnerable groups”*. The fund is operated by Open Society Institute – Sofia in partnership with the Workshop for Civic Initiatives Foundation and the Trust for Social Achievement Foundation (TSA). The budget of the Roma scholarship component (scholarship program) administered by TSA amounts to EUR 600 000. A complementary project “Mentorship support for the next generation of Roma health professionals” will be implemented by TSA under the Active Citizens Fund Bulgaria in connection with the Roma scholarship component. The call contributes to the outcome “Vulnerable groups are empowered”, output “CSOs promote educational inclusion and achievement of vulnerable groups”.

#### II. Program overview, goals and expected results of the scholarship program

The scholarship program aims to contribute towards the creation of a community of qualified health professionals who are not only motivated to contribute to solving the health issues surrounding the Roma communities, but will also become role models for aspiring Roma youth.

The beneficiaries of the program will receive financial support for the period of one academic year as well as mentorship support from experienced health professionals.

The scholarship program started in the 2018-2019 academic year and will have a duration of six years. Approximately 240 annual scholarships will be awarded within this six-year period. Each

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individual scholarship will amount to between EUR 2350 and EUR 2650 depending on the discipline of the studies. The total indicative budget for the 2020/2021 academic year is EUR 25 000 supporting an indicative number of 10 scholars.<sup>1</sup>

### III. Who can apply for a scholarship

#### Eligibility criteria:

In order to be considered eligible in the competition, applicants must fulfill all of the following eligibility criteria:

- 1) The applicant is a Bulgarian citizen or a legal resident in Bulgaria and openly declares his/her Roma origin.<sup>2</sup>
- 2) The applicant's age at the date of submission of the documents for participation in the current competition is up to 29 years inclusive.<sup>3</sup>
- 3) In the 2020-2021 academic year the applicant will be:
  - a) pursuing tertiary studies in an accredited higher education institution in Bulgaria for a Professional Bachelor's, Bachelor's or Master's degree in one of the following priority disciplines: **Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Public Health, Health Care.**

*or*

  - b) a doctoral student at a medical/health faculty of an accredited higher education institution in Bulgaria in a program in one of the following disciplines: **Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Public Health, Health Care.**
- 4) The applicant was not a scholar of the scholarship program under which this competition is held, whose contract was terminated on the grounds of an article of the 2018/2019 and the 2019/2020 Academic Scholarship Contract which overlaps entirely or partially with the provision in the footnote<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> In addition to the indicative budget of the current call and the indicative number of scholars approved under this call for the academic year 2020/2021, the scholarship program will continue to support the scholars supported during the 2019/2020 academic year, who meet the requirements for continuation of participation in the program.

<sup>2</sup> For the purposes of the scholarship program, in accordance with the EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies and the National Roma Integration Strategy of the Republic of Bulgaria, the notion "Roma" is employed as an umbrella term, which includes both Bulgarian citizens in a vulnerable socio-economic condition who identify themselves as Roma, and citizens in a similar situation, including individuals who self-identify as belonging to the groups Yerlii, Kaldarashi, Kalaidjii, Rudari, Vlah, Millet, and others.

<sup>3</sup> The scholarship program is aimed at Roma youth. According to § 1. of the Youth Act, "young people" are persons between the ages between 15 and 29 inclusive.

<sup>4</sup> TSA shall have the right to terminate the contract at any time if:

1. it finds that the Scholar does not meet the criteria for receiving the scholarship listed in the Application Guidelines (Appendix...), beyond the hypothesis of Art. ..., para ..., item ....
2. it finds that the Scholar has provided false information in the application process, including, but not limited to, information related to the Scholar's eligibility for scholarship eligibility.

- 5) The applicant is not enrolled in a distance learning or extramural program.

Applicants who do not meet the eligibility criteria will not be admitted to the competition.

#### IV. Submission of applications, required documents and application deadline

##### 1. Submission of application

Application submission is web-based. The online application form is available at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9GL2QMZ>

##### 2. Required documents

Each applicant must attach the following scanned documents to their application:

1. A **letter of application** signed personally by the applicant (in accordance with the attached template)
2. A **copy of a diploma for secondary education. Only doctoral students must attach a copy of a diploma for their last completed level of tertiary education.**
3. A **letter of motivation which should not exceed 1000 words.**
4. A **reference letter** from a representative of a non-governmental organization (NGO), school, school board, community center or other institution that presents an assessment of the applicant's personal or professional qualities. The reference must include the name and surname of the referee, contact details and signature. The date must be noted on the reference letter. Only reference letters issued in the last six months before the deadline for applications will be considered.
5. (Optional) A **document certifying volunteering activities** in support of the Roma community, a social cause and/or health activity issued by the organization that provided the volunteering opportunity. The document should describe in detail the volunteering activities in which the applicant participated, including their duration and subject matter. The document must contain the name and surname of the manager of the organization, signature, and contact information for the organization.
6. Students in the first and higher year of their respective degree programs must submit a document proving their acceptance or continuation of their education in a full-time

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3. it establishes the submission by the Scholar of false information, false document, as well as one with false content, both during the application process and during the execution of this contract.

4. the Scholar has intentionally failed to fulfill their obligations under Art. 8 and Art. 9 of this contract.

5. it finds that the Scholar has provided incorrect information or forged documents in the interim or final report.

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program in their respective discipline at an accredited higher education institution. Doctoral students must submit an enrollment order in the respective program at the respective higher education institution.

7. For applicants who are under the age of 18: a declaration signed by a parent/guardian indicating their agreement that the minor can participate in the program (in accordance with the attached template).

### 3. Deadline for applications

The deadline for submission of the application including all required documents is: **5<sup>th</sup> November 2020, 18.00.**

**IMPORTANT!: We strongly advise all applicants not to wait until the last moment to submit their applications. TSA is not responsible for technical issues which may prevent the completion and submission of applications/documents!**

**Upon successful submission of documents by an applicant by filling out the electronic application form, TSA will send a confirmation of receipt to the respective applicant at the email address specified by the applicant, within 3 working days of receipt of the application. When a submission of more than one complete application is identified by an applicant, TSA will consider the application received first.**

## V. Criteria for administrative compliance of the received applications

In order to be administratively compliant, the applications must meet the following administrative criteria:

- 1) The electronic application form must be submitted before the deadline for applications.
- 2) The applicant must submit all documents listed in section IV above. Attaching a document certifying volunteering activities is not mandatory to achieve administrative compliance but if such a document is submitted, it will be taken into account when evaluating the applicant during Stage I.
- 3) The submitted documents should be prepared based on the templates provided in the current Guidelines (where applicable).
- 4) The documents attached to the electronic application form must be typed in the Bulgarian language and in Cyrillic characters, and must be legible. In order to be eligible, documents issued in a foreign language must be accompanied by an official translation to the Bulgarian language.

**IMPORTANT!: Only applications which include an application form with all fields completed and all the mandatory documents as attachments, listed in section “IV. Submission of applications, required documents and application deadline” will be considered. Handwritten documents will not be admitted for consideration.**

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## VI. Administrative compliance and eligibility review

Only applicants submitting applications which meet the administrative compliance criteria and which are identified as being eligible by TSA will be allowed to continue their participation in the competition.

**If, upon receipt of an application, TSA finds shortcomings in the application that can be remedied<sup>5</sup>, the respective applicant will be given the opportunity to send additional documents within 5 working days as instructed by TSA. If the applicant does not provide the requested information within the specified deadline, his/her application will not continue to participate in the competition.**

TSA will notify the approved applicants of the result of the administrative compliance and eligibility review of his/her application by sending an e-mail to the e-mail address indicated in the respective application form within an indicative period of 10 working days after the application submission deadline has expired. If the applicant has been asked to provide additional or amended documents, this deadline becomes applicable as of the moment of receipt of the requested documents.

The applicants whose applications are rejected at this stage will be informed of the reasons for rejection within an indicative period of 15 working days.

Applicants whose documents have been deemed noncompliant with the administrative and eligibility criteria after the expiration of this additional period will not continue their participation. Such applicants may request a review of this decision within 5 working days after they have been notified of the result of the administrative and eligibility review. To do this, they must send a message to [med-scholarships@tsa-bulgaria.org](mailto:med-scholarships@tsa-bulgaria.org) stating "Request for application review" in the subject line. TSA will respond to the request within 5 working days of its receipt.

## VII. Evaluation, selection and ranking of the applicants

All applicants who have successfully passed the administrative compliance and eligibility review are subject to an evaluation process comprised of two stages:

- 1) Evaluation of the submitted applications by the Selection Committee
- 2) Interview with the Selection Committee (conducted in the Bulgarian language only)

### ✓ Stage 1

During the first evaluation phase, a five-member Scholarship Committee (the Committee)<sup>6</sup> evaluates the applications under the following scoring system:

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<sup>5</sup> Shortcomings that can be remedied are considered ones related to the requirements listed in section V, point 2, point 3. Under p. 4, the only shortcomings that can be remedied are in relation to the provision regarding documents issued in a foreign language which are not accompanied by an official translation to the Bulgarian language.

<sup>6</sup> The committee for selection of scholarship students consists of five members, who should meet the following requirements: two members shall represent TSA, one member shall be nominated by OSI- Sofia, one member

Criterion	Score
1 GPA from secondary school diploma/ diploma for higher education (calculated based on the guidelines included below and subject to verification by the Committee)	Maximum score: 45
2 A letter of motivation, evaluated according to the guidelines included below	Maximum score: 15
3 Reference letter evaluated according to the guidelines included below	Maximum score: 15
4 Bonus points for volunteering or other unpaid activity in support of the community, proven by a valid document	Maximum score: 14
5 Bonus points for applicants studying in the following priority disciplines: Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy (given automatically and subject to verification by the Committee)	25 points
6 Bonus points for applicants studying in the following priority programs: Nurse and Midwife (given automatically and subject to verification by the Committee)	5 points
<b>Maximum score for students in the Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy disciplines: 114</b>	
<b>Maximum score for students in the Midwife and Nurse programs: 94</b>	
<b>Maximum score for students in other disciplines: 89</b>	

**IMPORTANT! Priority professional disciplines and programmes receiving bonus points in this competition are:**

**First level – professional disciplines Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry**

**Second level - Nurse and Midwife programmes within the professional discipline Health Care**

#### **DESCRIPTION OF THE CRITERIA AND METHOD OF EVALUATION OF EACH ONE OF THE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:**

1. Criterion 1 “Grade point average (GPA) from a secondary school diploma. Grade from last completed level of tertiary education – applicable for doctoral students”

with relevant experience in Roma scholarship selection and/or direct work with Roma communities shall be external to the FO and the consortium members, while the fifth member shall be a medical professional. Non-voting observers may be invited in the committee, at the discretion of TSA.

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GPA from a secondary school diploma is required from applicants in the first or higher year of their professional bachelor's, bachelor's or master's program. If the applicant is a doctoral student, the grade from their last completed level of tertiary education is considered.

The GPA of a secondary school diploma or grade from tertiary education converts to points following the 10th percentile model<sup>7</sup>.

**IMPORTANT!** When converting GPA/grade to points, applicants with identical grade earn the same number of points, regardless of their discipline!

Score	GPA/grade
1.5	3 - 3.1
3	3.11 - 3.2
4.5	3.21 - 3.3
6	3.31 - 3.4
7.5	3.41 - 3.5
9	3.51 - 3.6
10.5	3.61 - 3.7
12	3.71 - 3.8
13.5	3.81 - 3.9
15	3.91 - 4
16.5	4.01 - 4.1
18	4.11 - 4.2
19.5	4.21 - 4.3
21	4.31 - 4.4
22.5	4.41 - 4.5
24	4.51 - 4.6
25.5	4.61 - 4.7
27	4.71 - 4.8
28.5	4.81 - 4.9
30	4.91 - 5
31.5	5.01 - 5.1
33	5.11 - 5.2
34.5	5.21 - 5.3
36	5.31 - 5.4
37.5	5.41 - 5.5
39	5.51 - 5.6
40.5	5.61 - 5.7
42	5.71 - 5.8
43.5	5.81 - 5.9
45	5.91 - 6

<sup>7</sup> With this model, each step of 1.5 points in the score corresponds to a step in the GPA/grade of 0.1 (proportional scoring model for the 30 decimal intervals between the minimum and maximum grade from the diploma).

If the document presented by the applicant does not indicate the GPA for secondary education or grade for tertiary education, the Scholarship Selection Committee calculates the total grade as follows:

The GPA of a secondary school diploma is formed by the calculation methodology applicable depending on the year of graduation.

If the applicant has a secondary school diploma issued abroad, the GPA is calculated as the average of all grades included in the diploma.

"Grade from a diploma of tertiary education" is the grade that is formed by the arithmetic average of the average grades in the subjects included in the syllabus and the average of the grades from the state exams or the dissertation work."<sup>8</sup>

The calculation of the points under Criterion 1 is carried out ex-officio, according to the guidelines presented and is subject to verification by the Selection Committee.

## 2. Criterion 2 "Letter of motivation"

All applicants must submit a letter of motivation. The letter should not exceed 1000 words. The letter should describe:

- 1) the applicants' motivation to participate in the program
- 2) the reasons why they chose their discipline of study
- 3) their vision for their professional development.

The letter contains a clear justification for the choice of health discipline	0-3 points
Clearly describes the applicant's plans for future realisation	0-3 points
Clearly represents a desire to work in the community / serve as a role model for their community	0-3 points
Well-structured and grammatically correct motivation	0-2 points
Contains examples of a story, a situation that shows the applicant's leadership skills and a desire for professional growth	0-3 points
Well-formatted text	0-1 points
<b>Maximum score</b>	<b>15</b>

If plagiarism<sup>9</sup> is detected in the preparation of the letter of motivation, the Selection Committee may decide to grant the applicant 0 points.

<sup>8</sup> Higher Education Act

<https://lex.bg/laws/ldoc/2133647361>

<sup>9</sup> Plagiarism is defined as the taking and use of someone else's thoughts, words, or works, without following the rules of quoting or declaring the author. In order to avoid the risk of plagiarism, the words, ideas and texts of other authors should be clearly indicated as quotations in the text. The sources should be indicated in a footnote or at the end of the cover letter or in brackets within the body.



### 3. Criterion 3 "Reference letter"

All applicants must submit a letter of reference from an NGO representative, school, school board, community center or other institution that can certify the applicant's qualifications. The reference letter should:

- 1) indicate the specific activities in which the applicants were engaged
- 2) detail the observations of the applicant's qualities and skills
- 3) include the name, signature, date, position and contact information of the person recommending the applicant
- 4) contain information about the organization that prepared the letter, including BULSTAT and / or the UIC number, if applicable
- 5) be issued in the last six months before the application deadline

**IMPORTANT!** Only reference letters issued in the last six months before the application deadline will be eligible.

The reference letter contains a detailed description of the activities that the applicant has engaged in	0-3 points
The reference letter provides specific examples of a demonstrated desire for personal and professional growth	0-3 points
The reference letter contains information about the applicant's specific achievements, skills and assets	0-3 points
The reference letter contains examples of participation in activities and initiatives that can be verified through publicly available information (online news, social media posts, etc.)	0-3 points
The reference letter illustrates the applicant's leadership and leadership skills	0-3 points
<b>Maximum score</b>	<b>15</b>

### 4. Criterion 4 "Bonus points for volunteering or other unpaid activity in support of the community as evidenced by a valid document"

The document should detail the volunteer activities in which the applicant has participated, including the duration and subject of the activity, the target group and their potential contribution to improving health awareness within the Roma community.

The information will be derived from this document as a matter of priority. In the event that such a document is missing or is incomplete, the letter of motivation or the reference letter may serve as a source of relevant information. If the same activity is described in several documents, the applicant will receive points for it only once - for the document that presents it in greatest detail:

Information source	Document demonstrating the	Alternative sources of information
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Activity	information – certificate/ letter of volunteering	Letter of motivation	Reference letter
Participation in unpaid activities related to a social cause	0-3 points	0-2 points	0-2 points
Participation in unpaid activities for the benefit of the Roma community	0-4 points	0-3 points	0-3 points
Participation in unpaid activities related to health care	0-4 points	0-4 points	0-4 points
Participation in unpaid activities for more than 12 months	0-3 points	0-3 points	0-3 points
<b>Maximum score</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>

5. Criterion 5 “Bonus points for applicants in the following priority disciplines: Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy”

Bonus points under this criterion are awarded ex officio to the applicants who study in the specified disciplines and are subject to verification by the Scholarship Selection Committee.

6. Criterion 6 "Bonus points for applicants in the following priority disciplines: Nurse and Midwife in the Health Care professional discipline "

Bonus points under this criterion are awarded ex officio to applicants who study in the specified disciplines and are subject to verification by the Scholarship Selection Committee.

All applicants evaluated at Stage 1 will be notified by email of the outcome, including their score and the status of their application, within an indicative period of 10 working days of the completion of Stage 1.

### ✓ Stage 2

Based on the results (score received) achieved by the applicants in the competition (from all evaluated applicants from Stage 1), the Committee creates a ranking of applicants in descending order and establishes a minimum threshold for continuation to Stage 2. All applicants who have achieved a score greater than or equal to the established minimum threshold, but no less than 30% of all applicants who participated in Stage 1, will be invited to an interview with the Committee. Applicants receiving a score below the established minimum threshold at Stage 1 will no longer participate in the competition.

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Applicants who are selected to participate in Stage 2 will be notified individually of the date, place and time of the interview by email at the email address provided by the applicant. **The interview is conducted in Bulgarian.**

At this stage of the competition, the Committee will evaluate the applicants based on the following criteria having the respective maximum score:

Criteria	Score
1 Motivation for participation in the program	Maximum score: 20
2 Engagement in the resolution of health problems within the Roma community in Bulgaria	Maximum score: 10
3 Communication skills	Maximum score: 5
<b>Maximum score: 35</b>	

The total score of each applicant is the sum of the points obtained at STAGE 1 and STAGE 2. The final ranking of the applicants is formed on the basis of the score obtained in descending order.

On the basis of the scores thus obtained, the Committee will draw up a list of applicants proposed for approval and a list of applicants proposed for the reserve list. The Committee proposals are subject to final approval by the Executive Board of the Active Citizens Fund in Bulgaria.

All applicants evaluated at Stage 2 will be notified by email of their results, including their score and the status of their application, within an indicative period of 20 working days of Stage 2 completion.

Requests for information and further clarification regarding the competition can be sent to TSA at [med\\_scholarships@tsa-bulgaria.org](mailto:med_scholarships@tsa-bulgaria.org). Complaints regarding the evaluation procedure and alerts for irregularities related to the competition procedure can be sent to the email address indicated on the website of the Active Citizens Fund Bulgaria:

<https://www.activecitizensfund.bg/public/portfolios/view.cfm?id=3>

Within 5 working days of the notification of approval, applicants should send paper copies of the set of documents, submitted electronically as part of their application, to the Trust for Social Achievement, 64, Patriarch Evtimiy Blvd., Sofia 1000. Approved applicants will receive a scholarship agreement, which must be returned signed within 10 business days. If this condition is not met, applicants from the reserve list will be approved in their place.

**IMPORTANT!: The decisions of the Committee are final and are not subject to review.**

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Application submission deadline (the deadline):

**5th November 2020, 18.00**

### **Indicative Timeline**

Notification of the results of the administrative compliance and eligibility review:	<b>Up to 3 weeks following the deadline</b>
Notification of the results from Stage 1:	<b>4 - 6 weeks following the deadline</b>
Interviews Stage 2:	<b>6-7 weeks following the deadline</b>
Final selections announced:	<b>10-11 weeks following the deadline</b>

**IMPORTANT! All notifications to the applicants will be sent via electronic mail to the e-mail address provided by them.**

**All deadlines for notifying candidates are indicative!** TSA reserves the right to make changes in the notification deadlines. Any modifications of the deadlines will be published on [www.activecitizensfund.bg](http://www.activecitizensfund.bg) and [www.socialachievement.org](http://www.socialachievement.org).

A list of the applicants with signed scholarship agreements will be announced on the webpage of the Active Citizens Fund [www.activecitizensfund.bg](http://www.activecitizensfund.bg). A link to the list will be published on the TSA webpage [www.socialachievement.org](http://www.socialachievement.org).

### **VIII. Contracting and conditions for continuing participation in the program**

When signing a contract, **the applicant is required to declare that he/she will not receive scholarship support from another source for the 2020-2021 academic year** by marking the respective field in the contract form. The regular scholarships that are awarded by higher education institutions to their students based on achievement, do not need to be declared. Approved applicants who are exempt from payment of tuition fees (due to circumstances including, but not limited to, disabilities, orphans, war veterans) should provide relevant documentation issued by the university detailing the reason for exemption.

If the applicant is approved for a scholarship by another source but has not entered contractual relations to that end, they will be given the right to choose the program in which they wish to continue their participation and receive scholarship funds from. They must inform TSA and the other source of their decision accordingly.

If the applicant has a signed contract with another source and receives scholarship payments respectively, his/her participation in the current competition will be terminated and an applicant from the reserve list will be approved in his/her place.

Participation in paid internships or work experience programs is not a violation of the conditions for participation in the scholarship program.

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The selected applicants will receive scholarship and mentorship support for the period of one academic year. Once this period has expired, the beneficiaries of the program will have the opportunity to remain in the program for the following academic year *without having to reapply*, provided that they comply with the following criteria:

1. An average grade of 4.00 for the previous academic year for beneficiaries in the disciplines Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy or 4.50 for the previous academic year for beneficiaries in the other eligible disciplines.  
If they are doctoral students, scholars must have achieved a grade according to the aforementioned minimums of the doctorate minimum exams or of courses taken. If no exams have been taken by the scholar, they must demonstrate participation in research, teaching and/or expert activity and participation in scientific forums.<sup>10</sup>
2. Scholars pursuing a Professional Bachelor's, Bachelor's or Master's degree, must have passed at least 50% of the exams included in their curriculum for the previous academic year;
3. Regular participation in mentorship meetings (if a mentor has been assigned by TSA);
4. Participation in at least one of the program events organized during the academic year (in case such events have been organized);
5. Continuing to pursue the same degree in the same discipline and at the same medical school during the following academic year;
6. Submission of the requested form confirming the wish of the beneficiary to remain in the program.<sup>11</sup>

Beneficiaries who do not comply with the criteria listed above will have the opportunity to re-apply in 2020 for the 2020-2021 academic year by submitting a full application including all required documents per the application guidelines.

## VIII. Scholarship payment

The payment of each annual scholarship will be made in two equal disbursements to a bank account held in the name of the scholar, following the provision of a bank account certificate. The first disbursement will be made after signature of the scholarship agreement and the second disbursement will be made at the beginning of the second semester after submission of an interim report by the scholar. The annual scholarship is designed to cover the tuition fees and other expenses of the scholar. Further details are set out in the scholarship contract.

## IX. Questions concerning the application process

Questions concerning the application process may be sent via email at **med\_scholarships@tsa-bulgaria.org** until 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020. The team of TSA will send a response to the sender within an indicative period of 5 working days after the inquiry has been received. A list with the answers to the

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<sup>10</sup> Rules for Implementation of the Academic Staff Development Act of the Republic of Bulgaria, Art.14:  
[https://www.mon.bg/upload/18810/prvlnk\\_ZARS\\_190219.pdf](https://www.mon.bg/upload/18810/prvlnk_ZARS_190219.pdf)

<sup>11</sup> The conditions, as well as the necessary documents, deadlines and procedure for requesting a continuation in the program are described in detail in a separately designated invitation, which is published and sent to the scholars at the beginning of the 2020/2021 academic year.

received questions will be published on a weekly basis on the Active Citizens Fund website [www.activecitizensfund.bg](http://www.activecitizensfund.bg) and on the TSA website [www.socialachievement.org](http://www.socialachievement.org).

X. Appendices (available in Bulgarian)

1. Letter of Application (template)
2. Declaration of consent from a parent/guardian for applicants under the age of 18 (template)
3. Information regarding the administration of personal data of the scholarship applicants
4. Scholarship contract (template)

**For more information:**

For more information on the program, follow [www.activecitizensfund.bg](http://www.activecitizensfund.bg) and [www.socialachievement.org](http://www.socialachievement.org)

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