

The Italian National Committee for United World Colleges is launching a

**Competition reserved for foreign students who have entered Italy as unaccompanied minors and are legally residing in the country, for admission to UWC Adriatic O.N.L.U.S.**

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Selection process for the 2025/2027 academic biennium

Deadline: Monday, 24 March 2025, 12:00 PM

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## The United World Colleges (UWC) Movement

UWC is a network of 18 internationally recognised schools. National Committees in over 155 countries select students based on merit, offering an educational experience that combines **academic excellence with personal challenges**, while promoting values such as **inclusion, acceptance, and respect for others**.

UWC's mission is to make education a **force for uniting people and cultures**, guiding students to become **active, aware, resourceful, and critical-thinking citizens** through a high-level academic programme. Diversity is at the core of the UWC experience, extending beyond nationality to **socioeconomic, cultural, ethnic, and religious backgrounds**.

Studying in this environment offers a **unique opportunity for personal and intellectual growth**, providing students with a globally recognised qualification while fostering crucial leadership skills for today's complex world.

## Candidate Profile

The ideal candidate is **responsible, open-minded, and academically capable**, with a strong sense of **empathy, tolerance, and understanding of different perspectives**. Given the intensity of the UWC experience, candidates should demonstrate **emotional resilience, stability, and the ability to manage academic and extracurricular challenges away from their family environment**.

Candidates may be asked to undergo an **interview with a counsellor or psychologist** during or after the selection process to assess these competencies further.

## Academic Courses and Co-Curricular Activities at UWC

All UWC schools follow a **two-year programme** covering the final years of secondary school, culminating in the **International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma**, recognised worldwide.

Each student's **individual study plan** includes six subjects, selected from at least five of the six IB subject groups. **At least three subjects must be studied at a higher level (HL), while the others are at a standard level (SL).**

Additionally, students must:

- Complete a **Theory of Knowledge (ToK)** interdisciplinary course
- Submit an **Extended Essay** in one of their subjects
- Engage in **Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS)** projects
- Participate in a **sport**
- Pursue a **creative or artistic activity**

English is the language of instruction at all UWC colleges, with **initial language support available** if necessary. **English proficiency is not an evaluation criterion for selection.**

## Purpose of the Call for Applications

The **Italian National Committee for UWC** is offering a **competition for admission to UWC Adriatic for the 2025-27 biennium**, specifically for **foreign students who entered Italy as unaccompanied minors and are legally residing in the country.**

**UWC Adriatic normally admits students aged 16 to 19.**

## Scholarships Available for 2025/2027

UWC seeks to ensure that **financial constraints do not prevent any selected student from attending.**

For foreign students who entered Italy as unaccompanied minors, **two full scholarships are currently available**, provided thanks to support by **Fondazione De Agostini** and **Assicurazioni Generali**. Additional scholarships may become available during or after the selection process.

**The scholarship covers:**

- **All school-related expenses**, including books and learning materials
- **Costs associated with CAS (Creativity, Activity, and Service) projects**
- **Full room and board at UWC Adriatic** for two years
- **International Baccalaureate (IB) examination fees**

UWC Adriatic is a **boarding school in Duino (TS)**, hosting around **200 students from over 80 countries.**

## Selection Criteria

Applicants will be assessed based on:

- Intellectual curiosity and general knowledge, with a focus on contemporary issues
- Ability to think critically and independently
- Teamwork and collaboration skills
- Altruism, willingness to share experiences and passions
- Motivation to join UWC and commitment to its values

## Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be **between 16 and 19 years old**
- Have entered Italy as **unaccompanied foreign minors** and hold **valid residence permits**
- Be enrolled in **the third or fourth year of an Italian secondary school**
- Alternatively, they must **demonstrate at least 10 years of formal education**, even across different countries

In special cases, **the Italian National Committee reserves the right to evaluate individual applications even if documentation is incomplete.**

## Required Documentation and Submission Guidelines

Applicants must submit:

1. **A completed application form** (attached to the call for applications), filled in **Italian, French, or English** and signed by their legal guardian
2. **A copy of the applicant's identity document**
3. **A copy of the guardian's identity document**
4. **A copy of the Italian residence permit** (or proof of application)
5. **Academic transcripts for 2023-24** or documentation proving **at least 10 years of education**
6. **A passport or travel document**, if available
7. **A reference letter** from a teacher, educator, or tutor detailing the applicant's academic and extracurricular strengths

8. **A one-minute motivational video**, where the applicant explains why they want to attend UWC Adriatic.

**All documents must be sent in a single email** with the subject:  
*"Application Documents for 2025-27 Selection / Scholarships for Unaccompanied Minors – [Applicant's Name]"*

to [selezioni@it.uwc.org](mailto:selezioni@it.uwc.org) by **Monday, 24 March 2025, 12:00 PM**.

## Selection Process

The Italian National Committee will oversee the **selection process**, with organisational support from **UWC Adriatic O.N.L.U.S.**

Candidates will complete:

- **Written tests** (general knowledge and logical-mathematical reasoning)
- **A motivational and general knowledge interview**
- **Group activities**

Interviews can be conducted in **Italian, English, French, or Arabic**, depending on the candidate's preference.

A **final ranking** will be compiled based on **overall performance**, and selection decisions **cannot be appealed**. The **final admission decision** rests with the **Rector of UWC Adriatic**.

## Selection Dates

Applicants will receive confirmation of selection **by Wednesday, 2 April 2025**.

The **selection day** will take place on **Saturday, 12 April 2025, from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM** in **Rome**, at the **Friuli Venezia Giulia Regional Office (Piazza Colonna, 355)**.

Results will be announced **by Wednesday, 7 May 2025** via email.

If financial difficulties **prevent an applicant from travelling to Rome**, they may request **financial support for travel and accommodation** by emailing [cnuiwuc@it.uwc.org](mailto:cnuiwuc@it.uwc.org) as soon as possible.