

DESCRIPTION OF THE AMARO TAN SCHOLARSHIP

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1. Scholarship Name

The Amaro Tan Scholarship is named after NG's Amaro Tan Project in Pogradec, Albania. Amaro Tan means “our place” in the Romani language, reflecting the project's identity as a place where children from marginalized communities find a place which is more than an just a school. Amaro Tan is a place of encounters, of cultural exchange, of personal growth, of friendships, and of family-oriented educational programming. It is a place where children from poor families learn the skills they need to build dignified and self-sufficient futures—and to help others in their community to do the same.

The Amaro Tan Scholarship honors this principle of help for self-help. Students from Amaro Tan, Nehemia School, and NG's international partner organizations in East Africa, Latin America, and Southeastern Europe are eligible to apply for support to study at Nehemiah Gateway University, where they gain the tools and skills they need to help and empower people to sustainably shape and determine their lives in dignity and independence.

2. Objective of the Amaro Tan Scholarship

This scholarship program provides professional qualification and training through university education at the Nehemiah Gateway University (NG University) in Buçimas / Albania. The curriculum at NG University is based on the German program of dual study, and aligns with Nehemiah Gateway (NG)'s goals of sustainability and helping others to help themselves, as well as promoting the UN Millenium Development Goals (<https://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/>). The objectives of the scholarship are:

- Provide high-quality university education
- Educate students to become responsible, hard-working citizens in their communities
- Train and educate future leaders
- Foster an environment of lifelong learning and cultural exchange

3. Categories of the Amaro Tan Scholarship

There are three categories of the Amaro Tan Scholarship:

- Nehemia School
- Amaro Tan Project
- Nehemiah Gateway (NG) partners (national or international legal entities)

4. Eligibility requirements for the Amaro Tan Scholarship

People from the following categories are eligible to apply for the Amaro Tan Scholarship:

- A. Graduates of the Nehemia School in Bucimas / Albania
- B. Beneficiaries of the Amaro Tan Project in Albania
- C. Individuals recommended or sent by any of the NG partners from East Africa, Latin America or Southeast Europe or EU, who:
 - 1. are involved in the projects of the partner organizations.
 - 2. Are in a leadership role in their organization, or are being developed to assume a leadership role after graduating from NGU
 - 3. Demonstrated need of support (low-income, orphaned, refugee, etc)
 - 4. Committed/Willing to commit to returning to their home countries and working in their communities for a minimum of two years after graduating from NG University.

5. Application process for the Amaro Tan Scholarship

Applications for an Amaro Tan Scholarship are considered *after* eligible individuals as described in point 4 have received conditional admission to NG University. For more details on applying for the desired study program please visit: www.ng-university.org. Only complete applications will be considered. If during the application process forged or false information is discovered, the application process is stopped.

Scholarship applications are submitted online. The following information is required:

- A. Application Form
- B. Curriculum Vitae according to the Europass format (with evidence of educational and professional background, and / or internships)
- C. A scan of the passport and personal ID Card
- D. Academic Certificates
- E. Letter of Conditional Admission from NG University
- F. Certificate of health with evidence of vaccination for the category NG Partners
- G. If applicable: employer's reference letter, or confirmations of internships
- H. Motivational Letter
- I. Two Recommendation Letters (for international applicants: one recommendation letter must come from the partner organization)
- J. Demonstration of Need" (self-declaration of income/evaluation from social worker)
- K. Research proposal: Present an idea of a project with social benefit for the communities back in your country for the categories Amaro Tan Project and NG Partners.

6. Selection, Interviews and Awarding of the Amaro Tan Scholarship

- ✓ The application is checked and evaluated from a selection commission.

- ✓ The selection commission gives a feedback to the applicant: refuse of the application (end of the process) / continuation of the process
- ✓ Applicants are invited for a personal interview.
- ✓ After a successful interview and positive feedback from the selection commission, an individual scholarship agreement with terms and conditions is signed.
- ✓ The scholarship agreement enters in effect only after the diplomas of the applicant are successfully recognized by the Ministry of Education in Albania.
- ✓ The applicant can proceed with application for an Albanian visa *after successful recognition of his/her diplomas from the Ministry of Education of Albania.*

7. Duration of the Scholarship

The Amaro Tan Scholarship is initially awarded for one year. The starting date of the scholarship is the day the student starts his/her studies. A maximum of two one-year extensions, to completion of studies, is possible, and must be requested in writing three months before the end of the scholarship period.

8. What does the Amaro Tan Scholarship cover?

Award amounts vary according to the terms of each individual scholarship agreement, Accordingly, the scholarship may partially or fully cover the following costs:

- A. Full or partial scholarship for Albanian applicants
 - ✓ Tuition Fees at NG University
 - ✓ Housing in students' dormitory (for applicants coming from outside Pogradec)
 - ✓ A monthly research and study grant – subject to participation in the projects of NG Albania and of the social worker's evaluation
- B. Full or partial scholarship for international applicants
 - ✓ Tuition Fees at NG University
 - ✓ Housing in students' dormitory
 - ✓ A monthly research and study grant – subject to participation in the projects of NG Albania and of the social worker's evaluation
 - ✓ Cost of residence permit while studying at at NG University
 - ✓ Grants covering medicals needs while studying at at NG University
 - ✓ Costs of health Insurance while studying at NG University
 - ✓ Airfare (economy class) from home country to Albania and back

