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Application Form

Thank you for applying to United World Colleges through the UWC National Committee of BiH for entry in 2026.

UWC candidates have a wide range of personalities and passions. We want you to tell us about your motivations, your values and what you might gain from a UWC education and the International Baccalaureate. For each of the following questions there is no right answer, but we do expect your answers to be honest and truthful. Your answer should tell us about your ideas, interests and experiences in your own words.

Please note that all answers must be in English.

Allow 2–3 hours to complete the form.

1. Why UWC?

I've heard a lot about UWC and during my first year in secondary school I researched the study programmes. After comparing schools UWC turned out to be most suitable for me to continue from something I learned in this school of Electrical Engineering into something that is more a western type of a high school and linked to college education. I am looking for a community of international students that can enrich my experience together with obtaining qualifications. Traditional high schools in BiH lack this component and UWC is the closest to me to offer such opportunities.

2. What do you expect from UWC?

I can already tell that UWC has a combination of both high school courses and extracurricular activities which I've been looking for since I've started high school. I expect to learn more about science in general because I studied many Electrical engineering subjects during my first year of high school. I think that I already know a lot about IT and AI and I have obtained several certificates which prove my competence in these areas alongside projects I have made. I expect to combine this with further insight into science related coursework at UWC.

3. If you were to present your current school to potential new students, how would you do it?

Secondary school of Electrical Engineering in Prijedor has a long tradition , it was recognized in country and abroad as a quality high school. The school offers practical training and additional coursework for general skills and competence. Students who want to enroll in this school can expect a combination of traditional high school with practical elements of the contemporary electrical engineering and energy production. There is also a strong concentration in IT and many students nowadays prefer to take this learning segment. Enrolling in this high school will definitely not be a mistake.

4. What would you like to get better at and improve?

I would like to get better at understanding technology.I am interested in the philosophy of technology . Current developments in Artificial Intelligence demand that people know equally about IT and about social and philosophical matters that surround information technologies. Recent discussions online have shown that IT companies are also looking for people that can enrich their team with insights about additional aspects that make a modern understanding of ethics and social aspects surrounding AI. This of course means that a person should have technical knowledge and skill as a foundation to build this further . I wish to improve my technical side with theoretical and social learning .

5. If you could change your community, what would it be and how would you do it?

I am personally for improved social dialogue. We lack dialogue and Bosnia and Herzegovina can use many examples from abroad to increase the participation of the youth . This is a basis for democracy because democracy is not only the ability of people to vote but also to think about who they are voting for. Education should be improved to enable young people to contribute and change in order for them to stay in the country. I would primarily introduce more practical ways of organizing people in schools and universities to be able to act as progressive citizens after they leave school.

6. What is the biggest responsibility you have held?

My father owns a mobile phone store , he is a electronics engineer he was recently ill and hospitalized and I had to take care of his mobile phone shop matters. I was in contact with his clients and I was able to address their requests during the time my father was away. I am sure that I have demonstrated responsibility and dedication that UWC would also appreciate .I was in school I was trusted with collecting money for different needs during my first year when I was the class treasurer. I also have a dog and by having a dog I learned much about compassion and looking after a being which is dependent on me for nutrition and care. I did several projects online which required responsibility punctuality precision and coordination with others online.

7. What consumes most of your time outside the school?

(No response)

8. Tell us about a challenge you have recently faced.

I am a chess player and I had a situation that I faced players which were younger than me but very good at playing chess . This did not discourage me I went back to revisiting some chess fundamentals and I was able to come up to many solutions to succeeding in games. The defeats made me more eager to get better so I borrowed a lot of books from my chess club and sat down and studied, and started playing more. Chess is a very special type of game in which a person should always be ready to accept challenges ad something that keeps you growing. Playing chess taught me a lot about facing and defeating challenges. The situation of loosing to much younger players would make someone quit chess , but not me. That is because chess is the only sport where your age and size don't matter and its good not to think about age particularly when not working in teams. This gives room for everyone to grow and get better.

9. What motivates you to achieve your life goals?

Life is short. That is what makes me want to use my time in a good way. This means that everything I do is important. Life is my one chance to learn things to build something and to do something that matters. The fact that life is my chance is what makes me want to keep going and make the most of it. Life is what drives me to make choices and to do something with my life.

I want to keep growing and getting better. I do not like to stay in my comfort zone. I make plans for myself because I like to learn new things make new things and get better at what I do. These things give my life meaning and direction. When I have a time with something or I fail I do not get upset. I think it is a sign that I am learning and getting closer to my goals. This way of thinking affects how I study, how I do my work and how I talk to people who're different, from me and have different ideas. Growth is what motivates me not being comfortable. As computers and machines get smarter and start to change everything I want to be a part of it. I want to work with intelligence in a way that is good for people. I do not just want to work with intelligence to be successful I want to make sure that these powerful tools are made in a fair way and used to help people who are not doing well. I think this is very similar, to what the United World College's trying to do. The United World College wants to use education to bring people and make the world a better and more peaceful place. I believe that artificial intelligence can be a part of making this happen. I am also really motivated by helping others and being part of a community. Going to a school like UWC Mostar would be an experience for me. UWC Mostar is a place where students live together talk to each other and work as a team in a place that is still recovering from conflict. This would help me learn and grow in ways not just in my studies but also as a person. I think about how lucky I'm to be alive to have a planet, like Earth and to have the chance to go to school. These things are not common. I feel like I should do something to help others, UWC Mostar and its community would help me do that.

My goals are driven by the belief that the future is something we actively build together. I want to be among those who listen, learn, and help steer it in a direction that benefits humanity as a whole.

10. What makes you happy?

(No response)

11. Name one historical person of magnitude and tell us why them?

Alan Turing is an important person from the past because what he did had a huge impact on the world we live in today. His work changed everything. Alan Turing's life also shows us what happens when people are not accepted by society because they are different. He did a lot of work in math and computer science. This work helped create the computers and artificial intelligence we use now. Alan Turing's contributions, to computer science and math are still very important. Now computers and artificial intelligence are a part of every thing we do in our daily lives.

Turing's story is important for more than his smart ideas. It shows that societies have a duty to treat people fairly. Turing did a lot of good for people. He was still treated badly because of who he was. This is a problem. It makes me think that making the world a better place is not about coming up with new things it is also, about doing what is right. If we have a lot of knowledge but we do not care about people it can hurt them. Turing's story is an example of this. Knowledge is important. It is not enough if we do not have kindness too.

Turing's legacy motivates me to approach science with both curiosity and responsibility. As technology becomes more powerful, it is essential that those who build it also defend human dignity and inclusion. His life reinforces my belief that education should not only advance knowledge, but also promote understanding, fairness, and respect values that strongly align with the mission of UWC.

12. Name one book everyone should read and why?

I think everyone should read Isaac Asimov's " I robot" and other books , because Asimov talks about technology in human terms and humans should always be in the center of our attention as well as the environment in which the human lives. Classic sci-fi writers like Asimov are better for understanding than contemporary science fiction writers.

13. How would your friends describe you?

(No response)

14. What's the best advice you received?

(No response)

15. How do you imagine yourself to contribute to the UWC community at the college(s) of your choice?

(No response)

16. You will face a significant amount of academic stress if you get to study at UWC. Do you experience any academic stress currently and what are your ways/methods of coping with it?

Stress is not a big problem to me , I study regularly and love to study not to get a grade but to understand why and how something works , especially in physics. That is also the hardest subject for me alongside electrical engineering , both taught by the same professor who wants a lot and I respect that so I study and know what I need to focus on. My way of coping with stress is to go and take my dog out for a walk by the river Sana and relax.

17. Various academic deadlines and responsibilities you might carry at UWC will challenge your time management skills. How do you organize your time currently and how do you see yourself applying that to your workload at UWC?

Time is of a big significance to me and that is why I try to maximize the work done in the 24 hours I have.Organization is my big advantage which keeps me up to deadlines and helps me both throughout my school and extracurricular activities.

18. UWC is a residential school which demands compromises when it comes to your living arrangements.

Have you ever shared a room with anyone and if so what were some of the challenges you've encountered?

Sharing a room is not new to me. I have done it many times in very different environments and with very different people. Last summer, during the antifascist camp in Kozarac, I slept in a room with around ten boys who were about five years older than me. Before that, at the UWC Short Course Bridging Cultures, I shared a room with students from Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, and Albania. We came from different backgrounds, but we connected quickly, supported each other, and I am still in contact with them today. The most challenging experience, however, happened earlier, when I was around 13 years old at a Boy Scouts summer camp at Boračko Lake. Because I was born in 2008, while my friends were born in 2009, they were placed in a bungalow, and I had to sleep in a tent with someone I did not know. That person turned out to be a 25-year-old man, which initially made me uncomfortable. This experience pushed me to mature quickly. I helped set up the tent, communicated openly, and adapted to the situation. By the end, I felt proud and confident that I could share a living space with anyone respectfully and responsibly.

These experiences taught me flexibility, communication, and empathy—skills that are essential in a residential school like UWC, where living together is not just about space, but about understanding and cooperation.

19. You are entering a community where other individuals will challenge your views. Have you had a similar situation in your life thus far and how did you overcome it?

My views get challenged almost every day, both by my family and friends, and that is why I am happy to have people like that in my life to keep me challenged and I always defend my opinions and debate using the best weapon which is words. Whenever I hear my classmates and friends talk about something that isn't right and is racist, nationalist and discriminatory I always stand up to them and try to educate them why that isn't the way but rather that they should opt out for a more kind view that will lead to more happiness for other people but also for them, because in hate there is not anything beautiful and it will always end in a bad way. A good deed sparks another one, is a quote I heard from the movie "Klaus" and it has kept to me and I respect it by always talking to people and explaining how our differences make us special and that we need to celebrate them, so I overcome individuals challenging my views by talking to them and debating them in a peaceful talk, where we can learn from each other and if I am not in the right admit it and walk away together as friends.

20. If you had one “superpower” what would it be and why?

(No response)