



13th HIPPO *hippo4equity grant regulations* – *regional qualifiers & world finals*

1. WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Hippo 4 Equity Grant (hereinafter H4EG) is aimed at all the candidates enrolled in the Contest 2025. They must have reached the Qualifiers round of the Contest. Candidates applying for the World Finals Grant need to have qualified for the World Finals. As the H4EG has been created to provide equal opportunities for as many students as possible, one of the basic requirements is a low household income.

2. WHAT IS THE INTENDED USE OF H4EG?

H4EG can be used to help the successful applicants reach the Qualifiers / World Finals venue and / or cover accommodation expenses. H4EG will be awarded in the form of travel tickets or accommodation expenses for the duration of the Qualifiers. No money will be disbursed.

3. HOW MANY GRANTS WILL WE GIVE?

The number of H4EG per country will be proportional to the number of enrolled candidates.

4. HOW TO APPLY FOR THE GRANT?

H4EG applications need to be made by the students, with the help of the country coordinator. The completed application form needs to be sent to the country coordinator and equity@hippo-thecontest.org will have to be cc-ed on the email, after which applicants will receive an application acknowledgment email from the Global Hippo Association. The application must include a self-declaration of the household income, part of the application form. Hippo reserves the right to carry out checks and request documentation in support of the declaration where necessary.

5. WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

H4EG will be awarded based on the following criteria: 1. the position of the country of residence in the list of countries by GDP per capita, 2. the number of points achieved by the candidate in the National Finals / Qualifiers round, 3. household income and 4. orphanhood. Each of these criteria will be awarded a certain number of points (see details per criteria below) and a ranking list will be created. The two highest qualifying applicants per country will be awarded the grant.

1) Country of Residence

Candidates will be assigned points depending on the position of their country or residence in the 2024 International Monetary Fund GDP (nominal) per capita list. For the purpose of assigning points, the ranking list has been divided into five categories. Candidates will be awarded the following points depending on their country's position in the list:



Country ranking	Number of points
from 1 st to 36 th position	1 point
from 37 th to 75 th position	2 points
from 76 th to 114 th position	3 points
from 115 th to 153 rd position	4 points
from 154 th to 193 rd position	5 points

2) Score Obtained in the National Finals or Qualifiers

Points will be assigned to the applicants based on their position and number of points in the National Finals ranking list for the Qualifiers grant and in the Qualifiers list for the World Finals grant. The obtained number of points will be transformed into percentages, divided into 10 groups and assigned 1 to 10 points, where the highest score obtained for the specific Hippo category will be assigned the maximum number of points.

3) Household Income

Candidates will receive from 1 to 10 points based on their income. The ranking list will be created based on the submitted applications. The lowest 10% will get 10 points, the highest will be awarded 1 point.

4) Orphanhood

Children who have suffered the loss of one (maternal/paternal orphans) or both parents (orphans) will be assigned 5 and 10 points respectively.

6. WHAT DO THE APPLICANTS NEED TO SUBMIT

Documentation supporting the self-declaration is not needed at the time of application. A self-declaration will be sufficient at this stage, but student applicants, through their coordinators, undertake to provide such documentation in the event that the grant has been approved. The grant will be disbursed only once the complete documentation, both in the original language and translated into English, has been submitted.

7. DEADLINES

The application deadline varies depending on the event date. For the Qualifiers grant, students need to apply in accordance with the deadlines below. The deadline for submitting the grant application for the World Finals is the same for all the countries.

Application Deadlines. Deadlines for submitting applications vary by event and country. To find the submission deadline for your country, check the lists below. The deadline for World Finals grant applications is the same for all participating countries.

Mediterranean Europe, Continental Europe and other countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea
Regional Qualifiers

Location: Jesolo (Venice), Italy

Date: May 2025



Participating Countries: Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Moldavia, Montenegro, Morocco, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey and Ukraine.

Application Deadline: to be announced, roughly two weeks before the event start date

Central Asia, Azerbaijan and Mongolia

Location: Samarkand, Uzbekistan

Date: June 2025

Participating Countries: Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan:

Application Deadline: to be announced, roughly two weeks before the event start date

Africa, Middle East and Indian Subcontinent

Location: Qatar

Date: July 2025

Participating Countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Brazil, Egypt, Ghana, Guinea, India, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mexico, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South African Republic and Tanzania

Application Deadline: to be announced, roughly two weeks before the event start date

South-East Asia and Asia

Location: Vietnam

Date: July 2025

Participating Countries: Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Macau, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam

Application Deadline: to be announced, roughly two weeks before the event start date

World Finals Application deadline 31 July 2025.

Late and incomplete applications will not be considered.

8. ADVICE FOR APPLICANTS AND STEPS TO TAKE

1 Please complete the application form making sure that all the information is correct.

2 Candidates are expected to declare their 2024 household income, as officially declared to the relevant authority in the country of residence, including:

- salaries / wages of all the members of the family unit,
- real property (consisting of land and buildings, such as houses or land) and personal property as well as their estimated market value (private property that is movable that is, any property that can be moved from one location to another, such as vehicles).

3 Email your application form to the country coordinator and cc equity@hippo-thecontest.org.

Contact details for all country coordinators can be found on the JOIN US page of our website.

4 Successful applicants will need to provide supporting documents.



N.B. Hippo reserves the right to verify the information you provided with the help of the local coordinators. In case the information provided turns out not to be true or not verifiable, the candidate application will not be considered.