

# Essential guide:

## Access to education in Romania

All refugees from Ukraine holding temporary protection have the right to education in Romanian educational institutions under the same conditions as Romanian citizens. They are also entitled to free accommodation in school dormitories, a daily meal allowance, school supplies allowance, bedding, clothing, and footwear upon entering Romanian territory.

### Enrolling in the Romanian education system

Enrollment in early childhood, preschool, and school education in Romania can happen in the following stages:

1. **As an Auditing Student** – A child enrolled in the Ukrainian education system can continue schooling in Romania as an auditing student and will be temporarily listed in provisional registers until the academic credentials are recognized or equivalency exams are passed.
2. **As a Full Student** – Auditing students may become fully enrolled after the recognition or equivalency of studies completed abroad and, if necessary, passing required exams according to Romanian law.

Enrollment applications must be submitted to the local School Inspectorates. Each inspectorate provides its own application form.

Contact details for each inspectorate: <https://www.edu.ro/inspectorate-scolare-judetene>

## Right to education after entering Romania

All minors have the right to education in Romania just like Romanian citizens at early childhood, preschool, and school levels. They are entitled to:

- Free accommodation in school dormitories
- Daily allowances for food, school supplies, bedding, clothing, and footwear

**Note:** As minors, they are required to undergo a health checkup in schools, and will receive a medical certificate necessary for school integration. If unvaccinated, they may follow the vaccination schedule under the National Immunization Program of the Ministry of Health.

Once registered as auditing students, they gain access to:

- a) **Educational and extracurricular activities** in pre-university education and at children's clubs and centers.
- b) **Schooling in medical institutions**, if they are immobile due to disabilities or chronic illness requiring hospitalization for over 4 weeks.
- c) **Psychopedagogical assistance and counseling**.

**Note:** Participation in extracurricular activities does not require official student status.

## School scholarships

Types of scholarships include:

- **Social Scholarship** – For auditing students and enrolled students in primary, secondary, high school, or Second Chance programs (for minors and young people up to 30 years old, not employed) – **amount: 300 RON**
- **Excellence/Olympiad and Merit Scholarships** – For middle and high school students with exceptional academic or sports results
- **Technological Scholarship** – For students in vocational and technical education
- **Scholarship for Young Mothers** – For underage mothers attending daytime school who have children in their care
- **Other Scholarships** – May be awarded based on agreements with public authorities or private organizations and can be combined with state-funded scholarships

## More details on the social scholarship

Value: **300 RON/month**

Eligibility criteria (based on income):

- Families with net income per member less than 50% of the national minimum wage
- Individuals under 30 enrolled in Second Chance or reduced-frequency education programs, not employed, with family income under 50% of the minimum wage
- Single-parent families earning under the national minimum wage

**Regardless of income**, the following students are also eligible:

- Orphans or children under special protection measures (foster care, emergency placement)
- Students with medical conditions/disabilities
- Students with chronic or oncological illnesses schooled at home or in hospitals
- Students returning to school after hospitalization
- Students from families receiving minimum inclusion income
- Students with exceptional achievements in competitions or sports

### Note:

- A student may only receive one social scholarship
- Scholarships are paid monthly throughout the school year (except when 10+ unexcused absences occur)

### Application process:

- Submit a request and supporting documents to the school
- No notarization or certification is needed
- Deadline: Within the first 25 calendar days from the start of the school year

## Transportation support

Students in accredited pre-university institutions (including foreign curricula) benefit from **free transportation** during the school year for:

- Local, metropolitan, county, and inter-county public transport (bus, metro, train – second class)
- Students from Ilfov County benefit from free metro travel

If there is no regular public transportation to/from the residence, students receive a **fixed financial compensation**.

### Required documents:

- Submit request to the school within the **first 5 working days** of the school year
- Provide proof of need for transport between home and school locations

### Transport may be accessed using:

- a) Valid national student card
- b) Student ID card issued by the school, with name, ID number, enrollment number, and current year stamp
- c) Certificate issued by the school

For dormitory or host family students, travel costs between school town and home are reimbursed for:

- 4 round trips per month
- Round trips taken within 2 days before/after national holidays

### Student responsibilities:

- In case of loss/theft of the travel pass, students may request a duplicate
- Travel passes may be issued on a reloadable contactless card
- During inspections, students must show their student ID and ID card or birth certificate
- If no valid documents are presented, travel may be considered unauthorized

## Meal support

### 1. Healthy Meal national program

Provides a **free daily meal or food package**, up to 15 RON per beneficiary, during class days only. Options include:

- **Hot meal in a canteen**
- **Catering service with classroom dining**
- **Food package** (when hot meals are not feasible)

#### Eligibility:

- Presence in class is required to receive the meal
- Parents/legal representatives may request food adaptations for allergies, health conditions, or religious/cultural restrictions
- Requests must be accompanied by supporting documents and submitted to the school office

#### Required documents:

- Medical proof of conditions
- Declaration for religious restrictions

### 2. School program (“Milk and Bread” program / Programul Lapte-Corn)

Free weekly distribution of:

- 2 portions of fruits/vegetables
- 3 portions of milk
- 2 portions of dairy
- 5 portions of baked goods

#### Eligibility:

Students must attend at least one hour of class on distribution day

No application is needed

Allergies (gluten/lactose) can be accommodated with substitutes

## Free school supply packages

### Eligibility:

- Enrolled in public primary or secondary school (day programs)
- Family income below 50% of the gross minimum wage (July reference)

### Application:

Submitted to the school within **5 days from the school year start**, by the parent or legal guardian

## Support for students with special educational needs (SEN)

Eligible students receive one of the following:

- **Educational vouchers** – For support services, counseling, and materials
- **Full social assistance** – Includes food allowance, school supplies, clothing, footwear, and free dormitory accommodation

### Allowance Values:

- **Food:** 12–16.60 RON/day
- **Supplies, clothing, and others:** 366–844 RON/year

### Note:

Food allowance is granted **monthly**, excluding weekends, holidays, and unexcused absence days

Exceptions apply to students taught at home or hospitalized

### Required documents for application:

- Student's birth certificate
- Student's ID (if available)
- Parent/legal guardian's ID
- SEN certificate issued by CJRAE/CMBRAE
- Declarations of:
  - Not receiving similar rights under other programs
  - Commitment to use the benefits for their intended purpose

**Submission period:**

**September 1–30** at the child’s school

If the SEN certificate is issued after Sept 30, submit by the 15th of the following month.

