

*“When that happened,
I thought my life was
destroyed, and I didn’t think
it was fair that I survived
when a mother lost both
of her sons.*

*Then I found out I had
nothing to be ashamed
of. I didn’t want to hide
at home, but instead did
everything I could to have
an education.”*

Melvin Cornejo Gomez, El Salvador,
Lost three friends and was paralysed from the
chest down when shot by a criminal gang

Survivor of Conflict student
at UWC RCN 2014-2017



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The Survivors of Conflict Programme



Survivors of Conflict Programme

UWC Red Cross Nordic and Red Cross Haugland Rehabilitation Centre facilitate education and provide necessary care, rehabilitation, medical support and independence training for youth who have been injured in war or conflict. The programme is also open to people with disabilities from conflict and post-conflict zones.

Our aim is that the participants return to act as resourceful and active society members in their home country. It is likely that some participants will move on to university studies abroad after their stay in Norway, but the aim is still that they later return home, empowered by the rehabilitation and education that the SOC programme provides.



Who can apply?

Youth who have been injured or are born with disabilities and live in conflict or post-conflict zones are invited to apply. We strive to be an inclusive community and to select functionally independent students whom we believe have the intellectual potential and personal resilience to benefit from and contribute to an education at UWC Red Cross Nordic.

Successful candidates will receive a full scholarship, which will cover tuition as well as flights, accommodation and food.

The Survivors of Conflict Programme is based on the recruitment of two or three young persons for scholarships every year. It is funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs through an agreement with the Norwegian Red Cross and leads to a diploma for the International Baccalaureate, conducted in English, on our residential campus. Students who need to build their competence in English and/or other subjects may be offered a foundation year at the College.



How to apply?

Any person or organisation can nominate a candidate. UWC Red Cross Nordic will then contact the nominating people or organisation, the nominee and the National Committee in the home country of the nominee to discuss the continued selection process.

Apply by January 25th to:
soc.admissions@rcnuwc.no

Interviews

In February/March

The SOC Coordinator will conduct the interviews where possible, but in certain cases this will be done by the UWC National Committees or cooperating organisations, such as the Red Cross, ICRC Special Fund for the Disabled or similar.

Selection will then be made by the College by March 25th.

