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## I Rejected a "Scholarship" That Asked for RM2000 Upfront

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Hey guys, just wanted to share my experience in case it helps someone.

Recently, I attended an interview under the Biasiswa Koperasi Pendidikan Malaysia Berhad (KPMB). It was supposed to be for a Diploma in Anti Rasuah/ Kepolisian/ Penguatkuasaan Undang-Undang (and more). Everything seemed fine at first, but then came the catch — they told me I had to pay RM2000 immediately to secure my place.

What bothered me most was how pushy the staff were. They kept saying it's a "last chance" and that I needed to pay right now to lock in the offer. My parents (yes they require parents to accompany us in an "interview") request for some time to think and they gave us around 10 minutes. They said they can't hold our documents for too long. Just a strong sales pitch.

I felt super pressured, but something didn't feel right. So I trusted my gut and rejected it. I decided to wait for my SPM results and explore options that are more transparent and don't require money upfront. After all, scholarships are supposed to help students, not stress them out financially before anything even starts. (Solely my opinion)

If anyone else has been through this or knows more about this program, I love to hear your thoughts.

\*\*Extra info:

How do I know about this scholarship: The admin messaged my parents and told them I was "dipilih". I actually don't know how my name was nominated. I only apply matriks and UPU.

There's more I would like to share so do enlighten me with the comments.

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rm2000 to secure your place in an anti rasuah programme, that is simply too ironic to be true

this sounds like a complete scam

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this one? Seems weird that koperasi is focusing on scholarship, since koperasi is supposed to be basically a minimum investment fund for people working in an organisation.

Facebook account also created in January 2025 only and the only post has been "scholarships"

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Yup. Omg I didn't realise their Facebook account is newly created. Their video is quite promising (with mantan komadan pusat latihan kuala lumpur giving speeches) so I went for the interview.

\*Edit: I edited the name

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Yea you nearly got scammed.

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Report that ketua polis vid if AI. Keep records of the names and numbers that contacted you.

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You made the right choice to reject bro ,don't feel bad

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didn't apply, even more unbelievable.

When I was 17, 20+ years ago, I attended an international university education fair. Since I filled up my name and phone number, for almost 3 months I was getting phone calls saying I've been "approved" for American, Dutch, Taiwan scholarships and I have to pay an admin / handling fee to proceed.

Luckily the one scholarship I applied for (Canada) was approved and no fees to any agents. Just lots of other legit expenses like visa applications directly to the embassy.

I'm certain there are some rules somewhere stating that those giving out scholarships can't accept money directly to their corporation.

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Thanks for sharing your experience. Admin fees is insane excuse omg. They promised to secure me a place and the RM2000 will become part of the ahli koperasi fees.

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**alien3d** • 9mo ago

even it was valid koperasi but black and white is a must . You dont charge somebody for nothing deliver which might be scammer .

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Yuppp and they said it is not refundable. However I noticed a lot of people are paying it at the registration counter.

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It's done OVER A COUNTER?! Goodness.

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the most good exp i would see is they run something like vokasional diploma and asking money .

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Try to contact people/victims you met there. Maybe can create a class action lawsuit with enough people

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That sounds like a scam. Never in my life heard that you need to pay to secure a scholarship. If the payment is to secure a place in the course, it is possible, but I'm not sure.

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Absolute nonsense. A scholarship is about giving money, not asking for money.

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Strong scam smell. Would even report it. A few years ago, I read about such scam too. The 'this is your last chance' pressure tactic is classic scam technique.

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Confirmed Scam OP. Glad that you made the right call to reject it.

Went through the same experience with Linc\*\*n College after my form 5. Same modus operandi, call me and my mom, telling that I secured a scholarship. Drove all the way to Mantin, just to be scammed.

Rejected the offer because I was shortlisted for PLKN. So I opted to berkhidmat utk negara!

On a different note, there's only 1 private college that offers that course kan?

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Yaya how do you know it's only 1 college that offers the course???

Samee my dad drove me all the way to KL.

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Ok I was wrong haha based on Google, seems like there's 2 now.

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I'm not sure who to report as the koperasi seems to have ties with the government. The interview was located in Universiti Teknologi Malaysia.

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Hmm. Very sus. Anyway, strongly suggest you don't accept. This sounds like those scam job sites who insist you pay first before getting the job. Hah. If I could PAY for a job, I wouldn't need a job. BODOH! But then, some people are desperate. Had one friend of friend's mum who got scammed millions on a dating site. All for love (*rolls eyes*)...

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They said I'm ineligible to receive the scholarship if I can't pay the registration fees on the spot hahaha. So yeah I took back my Mykad and left.

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Good job! Any offer that requires one to put money down upfront is a scam unless it's a *product or service* I know I'm paying for. Good luck with your university and scholarships!

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Thank you for the wishes. Have a great day ahead (or maybe goodnight). ❤️

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You too. Good night from KL! (Kuala Lumpur ya, not King's Landing). Haha!

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Well, I had a relative who managed to secure a scholarship for me from a main political party. The catch was I had to give them a cut of the scholarship, I think was 10 or 25%. And no it's not a scam, it was a legitimate scholarship. We said no.

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yeap, scam. previously when my eldest right after spm 10 years ago they asked for RM500 (diff college name, diff course) now sudah naik harga.

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Sameee. After the staff noticed our consideration, he immediately reduced the fees to RM500.

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Wah...normally upfront is for online job offer or work from home type of job scam. Now they also do this? They really run out of victim so they go after SPM leaver already. Any so good to be true offer always had this kind of MO.

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OP please make police report and informed your teacher and schoolmates. Save them quick

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think you dodged a bullet. well done

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SCAM! I've received study scholarship before and they never asked for upfront money! All they ask is your full name as per IC & bank account number to bank transfer the scholarship to or write you a cheque with the scholarship amount and your name on it (as per IC) for you to self bank in.

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thank goodness OP has clear head to recognize a scam. Usually they appeal on human psychology, thus those urgent/last chance urging you to do it now, most of the time it will lock your mind from thinking further.

Another sus point is to pay upfront, if they legit they require stuff to paid, only duty stamp. Others, you ask them to deduct from bonus/prize/scholarship and ask them to pound sand

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I almost fell for it too, if I hadn't come across yt videos and news reports exposing similar tactics like these. Even now I am not sure if that's a scam or just the way the biasiswa works.

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Pressuring you is a red flag already

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hope you have time to make a police report..

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Glad you got sceptical! I've applied to several local and International scholarships. I can say from experience none of them require any payment. Because the scholarship is granted from a foundation/government/industry/research institution. Your research output is your payment to them.

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definitely a scam. how many people kena this type of scam. Last time I saw one at Education fair some more. So many innocent soul being scam outright.

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I think around 200+ families. Fortunately I get no.30 so I can leave early without waiting for a long time. Still can see a lot of parents are paying at the registration counter.

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Good on you for rejecting it 🤘

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This has been happening for years with many "fake" colleges as well. They usually obtain your number from somewhere & message you to offer scholarship or inform you've secured a spot in xyz course. Even if you've never applied or given your information to them before

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They came to Sarawak as well and called my student to tell him he was the lucky chosen one for this Biasiswa skim. I had to google because they gave very vague info on what college/uni they represent. This was last year and they did not even have a facebook page. Then I figured out it was linked to the police college(?) and asked my student if he wants to be a policeman or not. He said nope and we did not go to the interview.

The program itself sounds alright but why they have to promote in a such a dogdy manner?

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Finally someone has experience with this koperasi... Yup one of their programs is a diploma kepolisan.

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sounds like a scam. anytime anyone asks you to pay up front and pressures you and try to prevent you from taking your time to think about it, it is always a scam.

The scammer technique is to not let you think about it, to pressure you and emotionally blackmail you and keep you in a very tense mental state so you can't think properly.

OP it seems they got your info from some data breach. You should lodge a police report. hopefully you got some photos of the people involved

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Bro i just got a text same as this scholarship offer on Whatsapp 💀💀💀

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They asked for our spm trial results and photocopy of our mykad. That's why I thought it was legit at first.

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AFAIK, nobody offers a scholarship based on spm trial results unless you're from a top-tier school in Malaysia. Furthermore, yes, no scholarships would require you to pay an upfront (unless fees required by your university) without black and whites or at least a few weeks for you to contemplate their offer.

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Good point. Never thought of that beforehand. That's why it's fishy to let us register before our spm result. Just to stress us out by mentioning I might not get the course I want in UPU. Thanks for the comment.

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Please if anyone has been through the biasiswa and the courses, do comment and lmk if it's actually legit. I can't find any reviews of this biasiswa.

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This might be relevant to what I experienced. [Biasiswa r/malaysiauni](#)

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Ada ke biasiswa yang mintak duit? dulu aku dapat biasiswa, duit yang aku kena "upfront" kan sendiri cuma duit untuk photostat ic, result SPM, lain-lain document, itu je, jangan kata 2k, tak sampai 1% pun Dari total yang dia mintak Dari ko.

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That's more legit. I was told to bring my documents (photostate of ic and spm trial results).



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