

2020 SCHOLARSHIPS

SCOTS ALL SAINTS COLLEGE

Each year Scots All Saints College offers students who are Australian citizens a number of Scholarships. These Scholarships represent a proportion of fees in respect to Tuition or Boarding. All other fees and charges normally payable will apply.

APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Scots All Saints College participates in the national ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research) Cooperative Scholarship Testing Program. Applicants sit the examinations (usually at Scots All Saints College) in late February of the year prior to enrolment. For example, for those wishing to apply for a scholarship in Year 7, the candidate must sit the examination whilst currently in Year 6 - having registered for the examination towards the end of Year 5.

2020 Scholarship applications open on Tuesday 5 September 2018 and will close on Monday 5 February 2019. For further details, please contact the College: admin@saints.nsw.edu.au

Five types of Scholarships are awarded:

- **Academic Scholarships (Years 5, 7, 9, 10 and 11)**
- **Headmaster's Award (Years 5, 7, 9 and 10)**
- **Music Scholarships (Years 5, 7, 9 and 10)**
- **Pipe Band and Highland Dancing Scholarships (Years 7, 9 and 10)**
- **Agricultural Scholarships (Years 7 and 9)**

• **ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS**

Academic Scholarships are awarded for academic merit. The selection of successful applicants is based upon the results of an ACER Scholarship Examination. Applicants should have a commendable academic record supported by a personal resume showing academic and co-curricular achievements. Applicants will also be invited to an interview.

• **HEADMASTER'S AWARD**

Headmaster's Awards are made on the basis of the results obtained in the annual ACER examination as well as on the applicant's co-curricular achievements. Headmaster's Awards are by definition not scholarships but are a recognition of the contribution to be made by a genuine all-rounder to the life of Scots All Saints College through their participation in all aspects of school life. A comprehensive resume demonstrating the candidate's achievements is required and all applicants will also be invited to an interview.

• **MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS**

Music Scholarships are awarded to students who have attained a high level of instrumental performance achievement for their age level. Orchestral instruments are considered favourably but students who make piano or voice their main instrument may also apply. The Pipes and Drums Scholarship is awarded to a student who shows particular ability on the bagpipes, snare drum or tenor drum. The Highland Dancing Scholarship is awarded to a student who shows particular ability in Highland Dancing.

Music, Pipe Band and Highland Dancing scholarships are awarded on the basis of the results obtained in the annual ACER scholarship examination. In addition, candidates are required to prepare for a short audition (approximately 20 minutes) which includes a simple theory/ aural test. An accompanist for these auditions can be provided by prior arrangement and the music should be at the School at least one week prior to the audition. Dance candidates are required to attend an audition.

A comprehensive resume demonstrating the candidate's background and musical/dance achievements is required and applicants invited to an interview. A confidential report from the current instrumental/dance tutor is also required.

• **AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

Agricultural Scholarships are awarded to students who demonstrate academic merit and also show particular interest and ability in Agriculture and can demonstrate a strong commitment to Agriculture studies as part of a full program of learning. The selection of successful applicants is based upon the results of the ACER Scholarship Examination. Applicants should have a commendable academic record supported by a personal resume showing a strong commitment to Agriculture. Applicants will be invited to an interview.

Conditions of Scholarships

The Scholarship is offered subject to the following conditions:

1. The Scholarship will cover a percentage cost of tuition and/or boarding fees. Scots All Saints College offers partial scholarships with 30% usually the highest award offered. All other fees incurred will be due and payable, including the remainder of tuition and boarding fees, enrolment fee, term charges, excursions and uniforms, if applicable.

2. The Scholarship is for the duration of the student's enrolment at the College, but will be subject to review at any time but at least annually based upon progress commensurate with the type and level of scholarship, academic performance, positive attitude, effort, conduct and involvement in all compulsory aspects of the co-curricular program of the College. If these conditions are not being met a process of review and opportunity to improve will be provided before any scholarship is removed or reduced.
3. It is expected that scholarship students will participate fully in the life of the College. This includes sport, extension activities, camps and other co-curricular activities. It is also assumed that a scholarship holder will maintain strong academic performance and in the case of academic scholarships, maintain results near the top of the year cohort.
4. Students who are awarded Music or Pipe Band and Highland Dancing Scholarships are expected to participate fully in the musical life of the College. Music scholars are expected to take Music as an elective subject until Year 10 and encouraged to take Music as an elective subject at Higher School Certificate Level.
5. Agricultural Scholarship students are expected to take Agriculture as an elective subject until Year 10 and encouraged to take Agriculture as an elective subject at Higher School Certificate Level. They are also expected to participate in the showing of the College's cattle and sheep programs.

Some frequently asked questions:

What Scholarships are awarded by Scots All Saints College each year?

- Each year Scots All Saints College offers a number of scholarships for students who will be entering Years 5, 7, 9, 10 and 11
- The College offers Academic and Music Scholarships, Pipe Band and Highland Dancing Scholarships, Agricultural Scholarships as well as Headmaster's Awards (for all-rounders), which could be applied to part fee-remission for tuition, boarding or both.

Does Scots All Saints College offer full Scholarships?

No.

What factors will the selection panel consider in making awards?

- Applicants will be interviewed by the Headmaster
- All applicants submit a resume
- All applicants sit for the annual ACER examination.

Why do I have to pay an application fee?

- Your fee covers administrative costs and disbursements for the scholarship program organised by ACER.

Does my child have to sit the academic examination if he/she is applying for a Music/ Dance Scholarship?

- Yes
- Music/dance applicants also prepare for a short audition and music theory/aural test.

Can overseas students apply?

- Yes, providing they are Australian citizens or hold Australian residency
- ACER operates a number of overseas examination centres.

Where can I find out more information about the Scholarship test?

- The Scots All Saints College Examination is conducted by ACER as part of the national cooperative round of tests usually administered in late February

- Further information is available on the College Website and at www.acer.edu.au
- The tests assess acquired knowledge and intellectual ability.

How will I be informed of my child's results?

- Scots All Saints College does not provide a report on performance in the scholarship examination
- A letter indicating whether your child has or has not been successful will be sent to you by early April.

How can I best help my child to prepare for the examination?

- Allow your child to rest well prior to the examination
- Provide encouragement and do not 'drive' them in the hope of gaining good results
- Avoid overburdening them with unrealistic responsibilities and expectations
- Help your child to arrive on time and properly equipped
- Encourage your child to attempt the practice papers available online at www.acer.edu.au.

On Examination Day:

- Your child should bring two pencils, an eraser and a pen – blue or black
- Make sure to arrive ahead of the time given (usually 8:30am)
- The four tests are held in two sessions. There will be a 20 minute break between each session when morning tea will be served
- Entry for late arrivals will be at the sole discretion of the test supervisor
- Finally - relax and encourage your child to do their best.