

ACADEMIC AND/OR CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



APPLICATION GUIDE



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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THESE SCHOLARSHIPS?

For many students from low socio-economic areas, financial support is invaluable. Often it can make all the difference when it comes to achieving their goals.

Plumpton High School scholarships aim to empower students to realise their potential and attain the necessary entrance results for tertiary education or training. They are directed at students who would benefit from financial assistance support to successfully complete Years 8 – 12.

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP?

The scholarship is made up of financial support. The financial component equates up to \$3000 over 1 year with students able to reapply each year for continuance of the scholarship.

WHAT CAN THE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS BE USED FOR?

The scholarship funds can be used to cover any fees or costs associated with education. All scholars receive information at the beginning of the program, about how they will access their relevant funding for each year. Some examples of items or services which can be purchased may include:

- School Fees General and including Subject Specific
- Laptop / iPad / printer / software
- Tutoring - subject specific
- Textbooks (hard copies)
- Textbooks (soft copies)
- General school stationary supplies
- Uniform
- Excursions
- Duke of Edinburgh Framework
- Music Examinations registration
- Music Tuition
- Instrument hire
- Music accompaniment for External AMEB examinations
- Extra-curricular activities related to Students Academic or Creative and performing arts pursuits such as:
Drama, Music, Dance Camps
- University application processes / Entrance examinations (e.g. UCAT) home



WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

All Year 8-12 Plumpton High School students are eligible to apply who have displayed a significant commitment to their studies.

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR IN A SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION?

Plumpton High School is seeking students who demonstrate significant promise and personal motivation to succeed in their aspirations. We will be looking for students with potential to grow with the program's financial support, and to become leaders who can contribute to society in their desired fields.

The application process gives students the opportunity to share their experiences about where they have come from and the challenges they have faced. Important factors for consideration include:

1. Low socio-economic and/or other significant challenges (social, cultural or economic)
2. Engagement, effort and drive.

We are looking for students who have demonstrated significant effort and application in their academic or extracurricular activities. At least two out the following three categories must be met:

- Academic and / or Creative and Performing Arts — demonstrating commitment and high engagement in academic school work or the creative and performing arts.
- Leadership — demonstrating responsibility and organisation at school and/or extra-curricular activities.
- Community service – reflecting commitment and dedication to others in need, to their extended family unit and/or a team



HOW DOES A STUDENT APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

All applications must be completed online addressed to the school principal on behalf of the student by the parent/-carer after assessing the applicant's needs, school and academic records.

In order to submit an application, the student and carer must:

- Read through all the following guidelines before beginning the application
- Refer to the questions attached to these guidelines to ensure they have all the information required to complete the application
- Ensure the information being submitted is correct
- Ensure the student's essay, most recent school report and support documentation including awards, external to school accomplishments / positions held is included within the application. These cannot be submitted separately.

WHAT IS THE ESSAY ABOUT?

Students are required to submit an essay of up to 750 words addressing the following topic:

- the difference this Plumpton High School scholarship will make to my life and the community around me.

Students must include the following points:

- the benefits of having a scholarship
- what they would use the scholarship funds for
- the impact they would like to make in the community.

HOW WILL THE SELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS BE MADE?

The applications will be considered by the Scholarship Selection Panel, which is made up of representatives from Plumpton High School Chaired by the Principal.

Selections will be made on the basis of the application, the panel recommendation and on student merit and need.

WHAT ARE THE CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP?

Through the Plumpton High School Scholarship, scholars not only gain confidence and emotional support, but also practical skills in goal setting, planning, communicating, relationship building and networking, time and financial management and career pathway advice. Scholars establish both a peer and professional network which often provides them with their first real work opportunity.

To get the most out of the program, we expect scholars to display commitment by continuing to maintain their high level of engagement to their academic and or creative and performing arts focus responding promptly to and attending all meetings and sessions.

To maintain the scholarship all successful applicants will have to undertake a mid-year review to demonstrate their ongoing commitment to their studies and the broad expectations of the school and scholarship.

The initial introductory scholar meeting and any subsequent meetings are held at the scholar's school. Scholars are expected to be proactive in maximising this relationship throughout the term of the scholarship.

All Year One scholars are expected to attend and complete a Financial Literacy course that will assist them in planning the usage of their scholarship moneys.

Scholars are required to complete an evaluation at the end of each calendar year. Scholars must only spend their financial award on education related expenses.

If the scholar changes schools or leaves school, the scholarship will be discontinued.

Participation in local, state, national and international competitions where appropriate is a requirement of maintaining the scholarship as these opportunities strengthen the students ability to succeed beyond school.

Performing at formal occasions such as Assemblies, Graduation and Excellence Ceremonies, representing the school in show cases such as PULSE, Schools Spectacular, Ministers Awards, Music and other school-based performance events are an expectation required to be fulfilled by each scholar.

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