

## AGS Scholarship Policy

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*Alphington Grammar School ("AGS") is committed to developing well-rounded, world-ready individuals. Our six core values of excellence underpin everything we do in pursuit of our personal best.*

### 1. Introduction:

As part of AGS's commitment to developing well-rounded, world-ready individuals, several scholarships are available for students with demonstrated talent and an enthusiasm for learning.

AGS awards scholarships based on the student's scholarship application and a testing process.

### 2. Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to outline:

- Types of scholarships AGS awards;
- Criteria used for the award and selection of scholarship recipients;
- Value of scholarships awarded;
- Application process; and
- Scholarship terms and conditions.

### 3. Policy:

#### 3.1. Types of scholarships:

- AGS offers a variety of scholarships annually, and these are subject to change. Current scholarships available are for students who display:
  - a) Academic excellence
  - b) Academic excellence in the Greek language
  - c) Exceptional achievement in The Arts (Fine/Visual Art) or Music
  - d) General excellence

#### 3.2. Criteria for the award of scholarships:

- The award of scholarships is based on two (2) or more of the following criteria:
  - a) results of the scholarship application and testing process - written and/or practical examination
  - b) school reports, portfolio, or recognised awards; and
  - c) an interview with the Principal and or a Selection Panel.

#### 3.3. Scholarships are not means tested and are at the absolute discretion of AGS. Scholarships are not available to full-fee-paying overseas students.

#### 3.4. Application Process:

- Dates when scholarship applications open are available on the AGS website. To apply for a scholarship candidate must:
  - a) Register online by visiting the Alphington Grammar School website and following the scholarship link:  
<http://www.alphington.vic.edu.au/enrolment/scholarships>;
  - b) Complete and submit to AGS all required documentation for the scholarship category applied for; and
  - c) Pay the non-refundable Scholarship Registration or Application Fee (currently \$88 or \$100 per scholarship, dependent on type).
- Only complete applications will be considered.
- Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for an interview.

#### 3.5. Value of scholarships awarded:

- Successful scholarship applicants will receive a Scholarship Letter of Offer stating:
  - a) The percentage scholarship offered. All scholarship offers are

expressed as a percentage of **tuition fees only**. Tuition fees are per the published annual AGS fee schedule. Other fees and levies are excluded. AGS offers a minimum scholarship of 20%.

- b) The period (years) of award.
  - c) Any other conditions applicable.
- 3.6. Confirmation and Acceptance of Scholarship:
- To confirm acceptance of a Scholarship Offer:
    - a) Parents/guardians/caregivers must sign and return the Confirmation of Acceptance form provided with the Scholarship Letter of Offer and pay the prescribed Confirmation of Acceptance fee (new students only).
    - b) New students must pay an A\$1,250 non-refundable confirmation of acceptance fee within seven (7) days of the SGD official 'Scholarship Letter of Offer.' The confirmation of acceptance fee is non-refundable if cancellation of a Scholarship occurs.
- 3.7. AGS Scholarship Terms and Conditions (applicable to all scholarships):
- Acceptance of a Scholarship at AGS binds scholarship recipients to both AGS Scholarship Terms and Conditions and AGS Terms and Conditions of Enrolment as updated from time to time.
  - Offer and award of scholarships are at the sole discretion of the Principal.
  - The decision on the award of scholarships is final and AGS will not disclose any rationale for the decision of the award.
  - AGS will not negotiate on the offer of a scholarship.
  - Scholarships must be redeemed in the year for what they are awarded and cannot be held over for future years of entry.
  - Only one Scholarship may be accepted by a student at any one time and students in receipt of fee concessions, including scholarships and bursaries, cannot hold multiple concessions at the same time.
  - The benefit of a scholarship supersedes any other discounts, including sibling discounts.
  - All Scholarships are offered to students on the condition that they complete their secondary education at AGS. If a student leaves AGS before completing Year 12, their parents/guardians/caregivers will be required to repay the value of the Scholarship expended, as recommended by the School. This condition will not apply in the case of the family having to relocate outside Melbourne or where AGS agrees that special circumstances necessitate the cancellation of the student's enrolment.
  - Students awarded an Academic Excellence, Academic Excellence in the Greek Language, or General Excellence Scholarship are expected to contribute fully to the life of the School and to maintain their academic performance across curricular and co-curricular programs.
  - Students who are granted a Scholarship in The Arts or Music are expected to contribute to the Fine Arts, Music, or Performing Arts opportunities provided by the School and where possible, actively encourage interested students to participate and support the Arts ethos of the School.
  - Names of scholarship recipients may be published in AGS printed and digital materials.
  - Withdrawal of Scholarship:
    - a) AGS reserves the right to withdraw the Scholarship in the event of any of the following:
      - failure to pay School fees or unpaid fees before awarding the Scholarship; or
      - failure to pay School fees during the life of the Scholarship; or



- the Principal deems the scholarship holder's behaviour as unacceptable; or
  - the Principal is not satisfied with the ongoing performance of the scholarship holder; or
  - there is considerable non-attendance and/or failure to participate in compulsory programs by the scholarship holder
- These Scholarship Terms and Conditions are reviewed annually and may be subject to change.

#### **4. Related Documents**

- AGS Terms and Conditions of Enrolment