
AGS Scholarship Policy

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.

This document outlines the terms and conditions under which Students are awarded Scholarships at AGS. Scholarship holders are bound by both these Scholarship Terms and Conditions and the AGS Terms and Conditions of Enrolment.

AGS reserves the right to amend these Terms and Conditions.

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/or 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)
 - d) Exceptional achievement in Music
 - e) Exceptional achievement in Sports
 - f) General Excellence
 - g) Contribution to Greek Music

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 Academic examination
 - b) results of additional testing (written, oral and/or practical examination) or an audition where relevant
 - c) scholarship application and supporting documentation including school reports, portfolio, candidate response form or recognised awards etc. as outlined on the website and application form; and
 - d) 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.
- 3.4. Applicants must be an Australian citizen or a permanent Australian resident. Scholarships are not available to full-fee-paying overseas students.
- 3.5. Application Process:
- Date when scholarship program opens will be available on the AGS website. To apply for a Scholarship, a 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/Edutest all required documentation for the Scholarship category applied for; and
 - c) If applicable and dependent on type, pay the non-refundable Scholarship Registration or Application Fee (Academic Scholarships currently \$99 inc. GST, fee set by Edutest. \$100 inc. GST for other Scholarships, with the exception of Contribution to Greek Music application, of which there is no cost to submit).
 - Only complete applications will be considered. No late applications/additions to a submission will be accepted once the program has been closed.
 - All applicants will be notified via email of the outcome of their Scholarship application once Academic results have been supplied to the School and/or applications have been reviewed by the Scholarship Committee. Individual results of the Academic Edutest examination are not supplied to families.
 - Scholarships are awarded at the sole discretion of the Principal. No correspondence pertaining to any individual's application, or the award, will be entered into once the School has made its decision.
- 3.6. Value of scholarships awarded:
- Successful Scholarship applicants will receive a Scholarship Letter of Offer stating:
 - a) The percentage of 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 (such as Consolidated Fees, ICT/Building Levies or any other fees and charges incurred) are excluded. AGS offers a minimum scholarship of 20%.
 - b) The period (years and duration) of award.
 - c) Any other conditions applicable.
- 3.7. Confirmation and Acceptance of Scholarship:
- To confirm acceptance of a Scholarship Offer:
 - a) Parents/Parent Liaisons must sign and return the Scholarship Acceptance Form provided with the Scholarship Letter of Offer by the due date.
 - b) Students who do not currently attend AGS or have not already confirmed a future placement at AGS will then need to follow standard Enrolment Procedure (outlined here and in (c) below) in order to finalise a place at the School. This includes completion of an Application Form (A\$120 inc. GST) if not already submitted, supplying required documentation to complete the applicant's file, and attending an Enrolment Interview with the Principal and/or relevant Head of School. More information regarding the Enrolment Procedure can be found in AGS Terms and Conditions of Enrolment available via the following link: www.alphington.vic.edu.au/our-school/policies-and-procedures/domestic/
 - c) Following the Enrolment Interview, the applicant will be sent an

Enrolment Letter of Offer. Parents/Parent Liaisons must pay the A\$1,250 non-refundable Confirmation of Enrolment Acceptance Fee within seven (7) days. The Confirmation of Enrolment Acceptance Fee is non-refundable if cancellation of a Scholarship occurs.

3.8. 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 the 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 for the year they are awarded and cannot be deferred for a later year of entry.
- Scholarships are not transferable to another student.
- Only one Scholarship may be accepted by a student at any one time.
- On acceptance of a Scholarship, all other fee concessions and discounts are voided. 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/Parent Liaisons 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 who are awarded an Academic Excellence Scholarship are expected to maintain their academic performance across curricular programs.
- Students who are awarded an Excellence in Greek Scholarship are expected to maintain their academic performance and continue their studies in Greek until Year 12.
- Students who are awarded a 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 awarded a Scholarship in The Arts are expected to continue their studies in the Arts until Year 12 (or to continue to actively contribute meaningfully to AGS Arts Program).
- Students who are awarded a Scholarship in Music are expected to continue their studies in the Performing Arts until Year 12 (or to continue to actively contribute meaningfully to AGS Performing Arts Programs). Participation in music ensembles, school performances and events and support of the Arts ethos of the School is also expected.
- Students who are awarded a Scholarship in Sports 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 awarded a Scholarship in Contribution to Greek Music are expected to continue their studies in the Performing Arts to Year 12 (or to continue to actively contribute meaningfully to the AGS Performing Arts Programs) including participating in the Greek Band/Choir. Students will be expected to participate in music ensembles, school performances and events, supporting the Performing Arts ethos of the School.
- Names of Scholarship recipients may be published in AGS printed and digital materials.



- Scholarships are reviewed annually by the Principal/relevant Heads of School to ensure the above requirements are being met by the student.
- AGS reserves the right to review the performance of a Scholarship holder at any time.
- 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 Enrolment Policy
- AGS Terms and Conditions of Enrolment
- AGS Parent Code of Conduct