



ST ANDREW'S
CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

Process for applying for Junior School academic scholarships

We welcome your application for a Junior School scholarship at St Andrew's Cathedral School.

Overview

The Junior School academic scholarship is open for new and current students entering Years 4, 5 and 6. Applicants will sit a scholarship test in Term 1, the year prior to commencement, and shortlisted students will be invited for an interview by a panel that generally includes Junior School Executive staff and a member of our Gifted Education team.

Type of scholarships available

- Scholarships provide a discount to tuition fees only.
- Fees, such as the Enrolment Fee, uniforms, compulsory and optional outdoor education camps, Resource Levy and music tuition are full price.

Scholarship application requirements

Candidates must complete the online application for Junior School academic scholarship on the School's website. Candidates will also be required to upload some, or all, of the following support documentation:

- a short statement of introduction written by the applicant (student), (maximum 150 words)
- copy of the two most recent school reports
- copies of NAPLAN reports where applicable
- ICAS results where applicable
- full reports of any ability assessments e.g. WISC, WIAT, AGAT, WPPSI, if applicable; and
- a list of individual accreditations achievements where applicable (photocopies of certificates) - please submit these in one PDF document.

Selection criteria

- A completed Junior School scholarship application
- Payment of the \$145 Scholarship Application Fee
- academic scholarship test results
- demonstrated academic achievement and potential
- commitment to St Andrew's Cathedral School values
- excellence in one or more academic areas: STEM, arts, humanities with a focus on literacy
- high-level of engagement with all curriculum and co-curricular activities and a commitment to leadership within the school environment.

What does the interview involve?

If students are shortlisted, they will be contacted to book in an interview with members of the Junior School Executive. The interview is with the student only and consists of:

- presentation by the student:
 - Topic: personal choice
 - Time limit: one minute speech
 - No visual props / no PowerPoints
- a selection of questions asked by the interviewers.

Process

- Applicants for all academic scholarships are required to undertake the ACER Cooperative Scholarship Examination in Term 1 the year prior to commencement.
- The examination will be held at St Andrew's Cathedral School, Sydney Square.;
- Academic scholarships are awarded on consideration of both the ACER examination and interview.
- After the scholarship test the scholarship panel will review each application, considering individual test results together with submitted supporting documentation.
- Shortlisted candidates ONLY will be notified by email and requested to proceed to interview. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by email once the process is completed.

Within two weeks of the scholarship interview, candidates will be advised if they have been successful in receiving a scholarship offer. If successful:

- A formal offer of Junior School academic scholarship will be issued confirming the scholarship amount and containing the terms and conditions of the scholarship.
- Successful applicants will be notified of their scholarship offer and the terms and conditions in writing. If applicants choose to accept the scholarship, they must do so via an online acceptance form within ten days.
- Parents must complete an online Application for Enrolment. Please note that the \$400 Application for Enrolment Fee is waived for Junior School academic scholars.
- A separate Offer of Enrolment will also be issued, confirming the student's start date and year group.
- Parents and the student are to sign and return an Acceptance of Junior School Scholarship Offer.
- Parents and student sign an Acceptance of Offer of Enrolment, along with payment of the \$4,000 Enrolment Fee.

A summary report of the Applicant's ACER test results will be provided at the conclusion of the Scholarship process (approximately Term 3).

Expectations of Junior School academic scholars

Academic scholars are expected to demonstrate:

- high achievement across academic subjects
- continual engagement in class work and study habits; and
- a responsible attitude and active participation in all aspects of school activities and school-life.

How to apply

Apply online via the scholarship application form on the School's website.

Please carefully check the application cut-off date and pay the \$145 Scholarship Application Fee on the St Andrew's Cathedral School website: sacs.nsw.edu.au/join-us/scholarships/music-scholarships/

Contact

If you have any questions regarding the Junior School academic scholarship interview or process, please contact:

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