



# SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

St Michael Abbey School

This policy sets out the principles and procedures governing the award of scholarships to UK and international students who demonstrate exceptional ability or potential in areas such as academics, music, sport, or performing arts, as well as those who are relatives of staff and business partners. It outlines the criteria for selection, the assessment process, and the responsibilities of students during their tenure. The policy reflects the school's commitment to recognising talent, fostering ambition, and enriching the school community through excellence and diversity.

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## Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the criteria, procedures, and application process for students seeking educational scholarships at St Michael Abbey School. Our scholarships aim to support deserving UK and international students in their educational pursuits, while promoting a culture of excellence and inclusiveness.

## Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for a St Michael Abbey School Scholarship, UK and international students must meet the following criteria:

- **Academic achievement:** Students should demonstrate strong academic performance consistently during the current and previous academic years.
- **Character and leadership:** Student must exhibit good character, leadership potential, and involvement in extra-curricular activities or community service.
- **Commitment to school values:** Students should align with the mission and values of St Michael Abbey School, including respect, integrity, and community involvement.

## Types of scholarships

St Michael Abbey School offers various types of scholarships, including but not limited to:

- **Academic Excellence Scholarship:** worth 50% of tuition fees. Awarded to students who have outstanding grades in academic subjects and extra-curricular achievements. Year 9 to 11 students must have outstanding performance in over 75% of their subjects and excel in our entrance assessment. Sixth Form students should have been predicted and achieved grade 8 (A\*) in at least 6 GCSEs out of a minimum of 8 GCSEs.
- **Music and Performing Arts Scholarship:** worth 30% of tuition fees. Awarded to students who have outstanding achievements in music and performing arts, with potential to develop into professional entertainers. Music students must be at a grade 5 standard or above.
- **Sports Scholarship:** re-launching in 2026/27 and worth 30% of tuition fees. Awarded to students who have outstanding achievements in sports, with potential to develop into professional sportspersons.
- **Business Partner Scholarship:** awarded to students who are related to businesses/contractors that work with St Michael Abbey School. Students are expected to maintain an excellent school record based on progress in subjects, extra-curricular activities and be ambassadors of the school student community. Further information about this scholarship can be obtained from [admissions@sma-school.com](mailto:admissions@sma-school.com).
- **Staff Scholarship:** awarded to students who are related to staff who work at St Michael Abbey School. Students are expected to maintain an excellent school record based on progress in



subjects, extra-curricular activities and be ambassadors of the school student community. Further information about this scholarship can be obtained from [admissions@sma-school.com](mailto:admissions@sma-school.com).

Limited scholarships are available during each academic year. The number of available scholarships can change at any time depending on available funds. Each award is valid for the entirety of the student's enrolment, with an annual review to ensure that the student meets the eligibility criteria.

### Application process

Students interested in applying for a scholarship must follow these steps:

1. **Application form:** Complete the Scholarship Application Form, available via the dashboard of the school application portal.
2. **Supporting documentation:** Submit required documentation, which may include:
  - School reports and certificates
  - Reference (from relevant teachers, coaches or senior school staff)
  - Statement of purpose outlining achievements, goals and reasons for applying for the scholarship
3. **Interview:** Students will be invited for an interview with the scholarship committee to discuss their application and aspirations.
4. **Deadline:** All new students must submit scholarship applications during the submission of the school Registration Form (before a potential offer for a place is issued). Existing students must submit scholarship applications by the end of the academic year (before re-enrolment).

### Selection process

- **Review committee:** A scholarship committee, comprising faculty and administrative members, will review all applications.
- **Criteria for selection:** Applications will be assessed based on the criteria listed on the application form of each scholarship program.
- **Notification:** Applicants will be notified of their scholarship status via email.

### Scholarship review

- Awarded scholarships will be reviewed annually based on the continuation of eligibility criteria.



- Recipients must maintain the required achievements and demonstrate involvement in extracurricular and community activities.

### **Code of conduct**

Scholarship students are expected to uphold the standards and values of St Michael Abbey School. Any behavior that contradicts the school's values may result in the revocation of the scholarship.

### **Appeal process**

Students who wish to appeal the scholarship decision may submit a written appeal to [admissions@sma-school.com](mailto:admissions@sma-school.com) within 14 working days of notification. The scholarship committee will review the appeal and issue a final decision.

### **Policy review**

This scholarship policy will be reviewed annually to ensure its effectiveness and relevance to the needs of the school community.

By adhering to this policy, St Michael Abbey School strives to create accessible opportunities for deserving students, fostering a supportive educational environment for all.