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Scholarship Form

GCSE/A Level - September 2018 and January 2019 entry

About The College

The Abbey College, located in the beautiful English countryside at the very heart of England, has provided a magnificent setting for thousands of students over many years. With our stunning 70 acre campus we are able to offer a huge range of sporting and social activities, whilst maintaining a peaceful place in which to study. Our excellent record of results means that our students can gain admission to some of the world's best universities.

Who can apply

Our scholarships are available to all students. Academic scholarships are offered to those students who, based on forecast of actual grades and reports in their home country, are very likely to get high GCSE ('O' level) or "A" level results (A's and B's only - mainly A's). Other criteria include:-

- A strong portfolio of extra-curricular activities, including any particular talent.
- Age group 14 – 18. Any students outside this age range can apply for our bursary using this form and we will consider a reduction in fees subject to your background.
- Intermediate to Advanced level of English (EFL support will be given where required).

Application procedure

1. Check that your sponsor is able to cover the remaining costs if you are awarded a full or part tuition scholarship.
2. Send a full pack (see below) to the Registrar. Obtain advice from the British Council or our local representative.
3. Allow 14 days for a reply.

Deadline

There is no set deadline on applications. Our academic courses begin in September and January each year. If we have places available on a given course then we will consider every application. It is obviously advantageous to apply as soon as possible to improve your chances, since most applications are received and considered early.

What should you send?

1. The College's completed application form
2. This scholarship application form
3. Two photographs or scanned photograph
4. A CV (curriculum vitae) and/or as much information and supporting documentation as possible regarding your background, both academically and on extra-curricular activities. Any awards, certificates, recommendations or prizes would help your application.
5. Your exam results for the past 3 years and where applicable your forecast/trial test results.
6. Copy of your passport information page

Amount of Scholarship

It must be made quite clear to all applicants that the chances of being accepted for a scholarship are much higher for those who require lower levels of tuition scholarship. Applying for a higher scholarship when it is not appropriate may jeopardise your whole application. The highest levels are very rarely awarded. There is **no time limit** on our scholarship. The College will continue the scholarship for as long as the applicant is a student with us and following what is expected of them (see below), including minimum standards for progression to the next level. **Please note that the college only offers scholarships based on tuition, which is half of the total, all-inclusive fee. No exceptions are made for any other fees. Fees are subject to change – under such circumstances the PERCENTAGE awarded will remain the same.**

What is expected of You

Any student awarded a scholarship will be expected to set the very highest standard in behaviour and appearance (both in and out of the college) as well as academic performance. You will be expected to attend all timetabled lessons and events and to hand in all set work on time. You must not break ANY of the college rules and regulations. You must ensure all fees are paid on time. You must take an active part in the non-academic life of the college and to give your time freely to assist where appropriate with the organisation of student activities. The scholarship will be ongoing subject to these conditions. The scholarship will **not** be withdrawn if academic performance is not as strong as expected **provided** the college is satisfied that the student is putting in the required effort into his/her studies.

Oxbridge Award

Students who achieve 3A*'s or more at A Level with us and go on to either Oxford or Cambridge Universities directly from us receive an additional award to the value of £2,500, to help with costs for their university course.

Other payments

The cost of living and general education in the UK at a residential college and particularly at this college can be divided into the following general categories:

1. **Tuition** – The cost of tuition for academic courses currently equates to £13,400-£14,100 per year (3 terms). This is the only part of the total payments for which a scholarship can be awarded.
2. **Food, Accommodation, Welfare, Sports & Leisure Programmes** - These currently equate to £13,400-£14,100 per year.
3. **Flights** - Each student must also consider the cost of the flight to the UK and return at the end of the course. The holiday period is normally around 6 weeks of the year, i.e. 4 weeks at Christmas and 2 weeks at Easter. There are also 2 half-term holidays in the academic year. The college does not cover costs in these categories. Allow at least £350 per week for holiday periods if staying in the UK.
4. **Pocket Money** - Normally allow approximately £20- £50 per week.
5. **Registration fee (£100) and Expense Account Fee (£1500 per year)** – The Registration Fee is a non-refundable, one-off payment. For all courses, a £750 refundable damage deposit and a £750 additional expenses deposit are payable with first term fees. The expense deposit is used for any additional costs, such as taxis, textbooks (from £10-£30), IELTS examinations (from £160-£200), other external examinations (from £60-£150), extra excursions (from £5 for group excursions to £50 for individual excursions), and so on. Costs listed are not set by the college and may change. The remaining balance is refunded at the end of the course.

Application

I confirm that I wish to apply for a scholarship and that I have completed the general application form and enclosed all the references and past examination results as required by the application. I understand that the following fees would need to be paid if a scholarship is awarded:

- 25% scholarship – a 12.5% reduction in the overall fee
- 50% scholarship – a 25% reduction in the overall fee
- 75% scholarship – a 37.5% reduction in the overall fee
- 100% scholarship – a 50% reduction in the overall fee. *Please note that these are awarded very rarely.*

I confirm that I can also cover all the costs outlined in sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 above. I also understand, as per the Student Guide, that if I do not complete the course for any reason other than exceptional circumstances, then the total amount of the reduction awarded to that point would need to be paid back in full.

Signed (student)..... Date

Signed (parent/sponsor)..... Date