



Scholarship Information for Entry September 2018

This document contains an overview of the Scholarships and Exhibitions which the School seeks to award. Further information and the scholarship applications form can be found on our website on www.akeleywoodschool.co.uk/scholarships

Aims

The aim of the scholarship programme is to encourage the promotion of excellence across all aspects of Akeley Wood School.

Introduction

Scholarships are awarded for excellence in one or more fields of the life of the School, or for potential to achieve outstanding results. Awards may be made for Academic, Sport, Music, Creative or Performing Arts or All-Round.

The Scholarship Programme is intended for new students entering Senior School at ages 11+, 13+ and 16+ in September 2018. Students attending Akeley Wood Junior School are considered new to the Senior School for this programme so are eligible to apply for a scholarship. Students in Year 11 at Akeley Wood School are also considered new when entering our Sixth Form. The awarding and continued holding of a scholarship or an exhibition requires good conduct and achievement in the School.

Exhibitions are awarded to individuals who show merit and potential in a particular subject. An exhibition may be money off fees or a contribution to additional tuition such as Music Lessons or LAMDA classes. The amount is less than a scholarship.

Eligibility

All applicants applying for a Scholarship/Exhibition must be registered with Akeley Wood School prior to the submission of an application.

Scholarships for existing students outside of these year groups are rare and are only invited in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Head.



Types of Scholarships

We are offering a number of scholarships for students entering school in September 2018.

Scholarships may be awarded for high achieving students who show excellence or outstanding potential in one or more of the following areas:

- Academic
- Sports
- Music
- Creative or Performing Arts
- All Round

Applications from students in both the maintained and independent school sectors are welcomed.

Academic Scholarship

The requirements for receipt of an Academic Scholarship will vary according to the point of entry; however as a guide we are looking for those likely to be considered as being in the top 10% of their current year group, in more than one subject area.

- At 11+ entry this is likely to include children who are exceeding expectations in the National Curriculum at the end of Key Stage 2 (at the end of Year 6) or equivalent in ISEB Common Entrance.
- At 13+ entry this is likely to include children who are exceeding expectations in the National Curriculum at the end of Year 8 or equivalent in ISEB Common Entrance.
- At 16+ entry this is likely to include those who are predicted to achieve GCSE A*/A or Grade 7-9 as appropriate in the majority of their subjects.

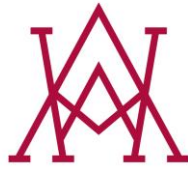
The name of the applicant's current Head should be supplied for reference purposes.

At 11+ and 13+ applicants for an Academic Scholarship will be required to sit examination papers in English and Maths.

At 16+ applicants for an Academic Scholarship will be required to sit a general knowledge examination paper.

Those awarded academic scholarships are expected to make a significant contribution to the academic life of the school.

The covering letter for an Academic Scholarship should provide supporting evidence from their current school, recent monitoring results and scores.



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One scholarship of up to a maximum of 50% fees

Further scholarships or exhibitions with each individual award capped at a maximum of 25% fees

Sports Scholarship

In respect of applications for a Sports Scholarship, if the sport is a mainstream sport played at Akeley Wood, candidates should be playing at approximately county level (if available). If the chosen sport is not currently a mainstream sport at the school, applicants must be performing at approximately national level to be considered. In the event that there is no county or regional squad for the appropriate age group, applicants should submit evidence of exceptional performance in their chosen sport.

The covering letter for all sports scholarship applications should provide the following information:

- *Which local team(s) the candidate plays for.*
- *Which county or national squads the candidate plays with on a regular basis.*
- *How long the candidate has been playing at county or national level.*

Candidates invited to attend the Scholarship Day will take part in appropriate drill/teamwork sessions. The name of the applicant's county or national coach should also be supplied for reference purposes.

Those awarded sports scholarships are expected to make a significant contribution to the sporting life of the school, for example by attending practices and being available for team selection.

Individual awards are capped at a maximum of 25% fees

Music Scholarship

For the award of a music scholarship, applicants are expected at the very minimum to be performing at the following levels to be considered:

- 11+ applicants - *Grade 4 and above;*
- 13+ applicants - *Grade 5 and above;*
- 16+ applicants - *Grade 6 and above.*

A covering letter should accompany all music scholarship applications and must provide the following information:

- *Which ensemble(s) the candidate plays for;*



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- Who the candidate plays with on a regular basis;
- Where the candidate plays, if a soloist player.

Candidates must clearly state whether they will be requiring an accompanist should they be shortlisted to attend an audition. Copies of grade certificates should also be sent.

Candidates invited to attend the Scholarship Day will need to perform two contrasting pieces of their own choice and to sight read at a grade lower than the expected level. The name of the applicant's current music teacher/ensemble leader should also be supplied for reference purposes.

Those awarded music scholarships are expected to make a significant contribution to the musical life of the school, for example by attending practices and performing in school ensembles/events on a regular basis.

Individual awards are capped at a maximum of 25% fees.

A music exhibition of free music lessons at Akeley Wood School may also be offered.

Creative or Performing Arts Scholarship

Creative or Performing Arts Scholarships are considered for those who show exceptional talent in their field. A wide range of talents are considered e.g. Fine Art, Textiles, Design Technology, Photography, Drama, Musical Theatre, and Dance.

The covering letter for all scholarship applications should provide the following information:

- Information about the area of specialism;
- Evidence of performance. The nature of such evidence should be appropriate to the specialism. For Fine Art it might include photographs of work, for Drama it might be a CV of productions with copies of programmes etc.

Creative Arts candidates will be invited to attend the Scholarship day should bring a portfolio of their work. Performing Arts candidates should prepare two short, contrasting audition pieces and will be asked to perform an unseen piece or participate in a workshop.

Those awarded scholarships are expected to make a significant contribution to the life of the School.

Individual awards are capped at a maximum of 25% fees.

A performing arts exhibition of free LAMDA lessons at Akeley Wood School may also be offered.



All-Round Scholarship

An applicant for a scholarship in regard to all-round excellence should be able to offer a good academic profile as well as strength in at least one other area as outlined above. They must be able to demonstrate a real and ongoing contribution to the life of the school. Applications for an all-round award should be supported by a cover letter and evidence as indicated in the above sections. Candidates invited to attend the Scholarship day will sit examination papers in English and Maths as well as activities linked to their area of specialism as outlined above.

Individual awards are capped at a maximum of 30% fees

Bursary Assistance

Scholarships are not awarded in order to give financial assistance to parents who could not otherwise afford to send their child to Akeley Wood School. Parents in this position are welcome to apply for means tested bursary assistance via the Business Manager.

The Scholarship Process

The scholarship process is rigorous and involves several stages.

1. Written Application

Potential scholars are invited to submit an application to the School using the application form from the School's website. Please complete the form fully, giving the details of referees and ensure a cover letter is included with the application. **Please include the £25 administration fee for each category of scholarship.**

2. References

Following application, Akeley Wood School will take up references using the information provided on the application form. Shortlisting may occur following application and references.

3. Scholarship Days

Successful applicants are invited to attend at one or two of the two Scholarship Days for assessment and/or audition depending on the type of scholarship. All candidates will be interviewed during the scholarship days.

4. Award of Scholarship

Following shortlisting and interview, successful applicants will be offered a scholarship. Due to the popularity of scholarships, we time limit acceptance so unused scholarships can be offered to other worthy students.



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The application form requires that contacts for references need to be included. The School does not accept open references. However, applicants should supply the name of a referee from their child's current school and at least one referee who is able to comment with regard to the focus of the application. Additional information may be required in support of the application e.g. copies of certificates, letters from sports coaches etc., please check the application form.

Those awarded scholarships are expected to make a significant contribution to the life of the school in their particular area of excellence.

Deadline for Application/Scholarship Day

The deadline to make an application for a scholarship and scholarship days are shown below.

Age	Deadline	Scholarship Days
Age 11+	31 st January 2018	26 th and 27 th March 2018
Age 13+	31 st January 2018	26 th and 27 th March 2018
Age 16+	28 th February 2018	28 th March 2018

Late entries at the discretion of the head.

Further Information

The award of a Scholarship or Exhibition is non-negotiable and valid for acceptance for 30 days. If, in any given year, it is deemed that the minimum standards of excellence for awarding a Scholarship have not been attained by an applicant, any or all of the Scholarships/Exhibitions available in that year may remain dormant.

Scholarships or Exhibitions will typically stay in place for the duration of a child's attendance at Akeley Wood School. However, it is important to note that once awarded, Scholarships or Exhibitions are conditional upon the recipient continuing to contribute fully to school life and maintaining high standards of performance. The School reserves the right to withdraw a Scholarship or Exhibition during its currency if a student fails to maintain the standard of excellence which justified the initial award, or for any other significant reason, such as, for example, a major disciplinary offence being committed by the student.

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