



Scholarships and Bursaries

What are they?

Sidcot School has a number of different Bursaries & Scholarships available to pupils. These are funded in different ways – in some cases by a legacy or by an associated body such as the Quaker Bursary Trust or our Old Scholars Association.

Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded to students who show a particular talent in an area of the Curriculum, Creative Arts or Sports. They are awarded at the entry points to the senior school; Year 7 or 9 and continue with that child through their education at Sidcot. Due to the long term nature of a Scholarship; only a limited number become available at any one time, as and when children in receipt of an award finish their education at the school.

Bursaries

Bursaries are discounts available to new (and sometimes existing) pupils. Each has selection criteria defined by the relevant trustees. Some are available only to Quakers, but many are available to all. Most Bursaries are intended to help a child enter the school and will continue for the duration of their education at Sidcot, others are intended to offer short term support and may be available in cases of financial hardship as a result of a change in circumstances.

Other Discounts

A 10% discount is given to children who already have one full fee paying sibling at the school and will be deducted from the lowest fee at that time. A 10% discount also applies to those children of families in the HM Forces.

How are they awarded?

All Scholarships & Bursaries are means tested which requires a comprehensive declaration of income and assets on an Annual basis. As the funds available to support scholarships and bursaries are limited there are only a small number of awards available each year mainly ranging from 10-25% of fees. When a Scholarship or Bursary becomes available all parents who have declared an interest will be notified and provided with the relevant criteria for the application. On receipt of a completed application supported by the relevant financial documents, an initial review will be carried out by the Director of Finance. Depending on the particular award, the pupil may be required to gather evidence of their contribution to school life to support their application and attend an interview with the Head and Trustees.

Each student will be considered against the selection criteria for the particular Scholarship or Bursary. The Head and Trustees will make a final decision on the candidate they feel should receive the award and the school will then notify all candidates of the outcome of their application

It should be appreciated that the Bursaries available at any particular time will depend both on the level of donations received by Bursary Trusts and the performance of any underlying investments.

When are Scholarships and Bursaries awarded?

Scholarships become available as and when a current recipient finishes their education at Sidcot. Details of Scholarships available from September of any Academic year will be notified before the Easter holidays. Bursaries are normally awarded as part of the Admissions process for qualifying pupils. All parents wishing to apply for Scholarships or Bursaries should register their interest with Admissions when they come to the school.

What is expected of a Scholarship or Bursary holder?

Parents or Guardians will be notified of the award and each Term's school fees invoice will be reduced by the amount of the Scholarship or Bursary. Parents are expected to pay the remainder of the fees on time by the normal due date, any "extras" such as school trips or activities are payable in full. Failure to pay fees by their due date may result in the removal of a Scholarship or Bursary assistance.

As part of the conditions of the Scholarship or Bursary, the school will monitor the progress of each receiving pupil and report back to the awarding body on their development through the school. We will also use general information regarding Scholarships and Bursaries (ie. Scholarships available, anonymous successes of previous Scholarship holders) for marketing purposes however your child's identity or any personal information will never be released or discussed.

All Scholarships and Bursaries are subject to an annual financial review; if there is a substantial improvement in the pupil's financial circumstances the Scholarship or Bursary maybe removed to enable another child to receive support.

We expect all holders of Scholarships and Bursaries to demonstrate a real desire to learn and make a positive contribution to the life of the school. In the case of Scholarship holders, we also expect them to contribute in their particular chosen field. Scholarships which are awarded on merit may, in exceptional circumstances be withdrawn, resulting in full fees becoming payable.

Conclusion

We appreciate that many families make a substantial change to their lifestyle and financial arrangements in order to provide their children with an education at Sidcot. We would like to thank those sponsors who have made donations or legacies to provide assistance to children of families who would not otherwise be able to fund their child's education at the school.

As managers of these funds we have to ensure our selection process is stringent in order to be fair to all parents.

If you are interested in supporting children to attend Sidcot and would like to know more about how to provide funds for a Bursary, or how to set up a Legacy, please contact the school as we would like to hear from you.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Admissions on 01934 845102 or via email at admissions@sidcot.org.uk.