**Scholarship Regulations At IAA**

**Introduction**

The Board of IAA awards scholarships for academic excellence and, upon occaision, exceptional talent in the arts or sport. All scholarships are subject to annual review and dependent on applicants continuing to satisfy the requirements as well as an annual resubmission of required documentation and/or application.

The Board decides the number and type of scholarships to be awarded for any academic year. This is normally done at the first Board meeting closest to admissions opening for the following year. The Board reserves the right to award or not award any scholarship and on any basis. The Board may decide to award full or partial scholarships.

**Requirements**

**i. Academic Scholarships**

These are available to both newly and currently enrolled secondary students (Grades 6-12) at IAA. Academic Scholarships are awarded to students for their entire education at IAA but are subject to annual review based on satisfying the below regulations.

Academic Scholarships cover only tuition fees. Parents are responsible for uniform, texts, field trip and other fees/costs related to the school’s programmes.

Applications for Academic Scholarship must be submitted by the beginning of January of the preceding year. Late applications are not accepted. Decisions for award of Academic Scholarship are given late February of the preceding year.

All parents wishing to apply on their child’s behalf must supply the following:

* Completed Scholarship Application form
* Supporting documentation including references

All students applying for academic scholarship must also sit a scholarship examination and undergo an interview ( timing of which is determined annually). The results of the exam and interview are not shared with students and/or parents. The Board shall determine the number of academic scholarships awarded in any one year.

**New Students**

Award of Academic Scholarships to new students is based on:

* High grades on online entrance tests- English and Maths both need to be in the upper levels
* Past reports
* References
* Interview

**Current students**

The top four students in each grade from 5-11 who have a GPA of 6 or above are given the opportunity to sit for an online exam. At the discretion of the Board, a scholarship is awarded to the highest achieving student in each grade from 6-12 as long as a minimum average score of 85 is achieved.

Continuation of the receipt of an Academic Scholarship is subject to an annual review which is based on the following:

* Maintenance of a GPA of 6 or above
* Positive attitude towards school- no letters sent home regarding behaviour and/or suspensions
* Contributions to school life- involvement in school activities, teams, community service

 **iii. Scholarships for exceptional talent**

These are awarded on an annual basis and are available for both current and new students entering Grades 6-12. These scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Board to students who are higher achievers academically and also demonstrate exceptional talent in sports or the arts (visual, music, etc.). Parents will remain responsible for, and not limited to, uniform, texts, field trip and other fees/costs related to the school’s programme.

Students wishing to apply for a Sports Scholarship must apply the following:

* A written application addressed to the IAA Board
* Evidence of academic achievement
* Evidence of achievements in talent area
* Recommendations from specialist teachers outlining reasons for consideration of award.