

A Guide to Financial Assistance, Scholarships and Awards 2018-19

The College is determined to make a Glenalmond education accessible to as many potential pupils as possible. Each year funds are made available from a variety of sources to assist pupils through their time at Glenalmond. These grants (known as Bursaries) are means tested, with the level of support depending on individual financial circumstances.

In addition, the College offers an allowance against fees for those who are successful in the Scholarship Examinations and assessments. The amount awarded, up to a maximum of 10% remission on fees, will depend on the calibre of the candidate and is based on the performance in the examination and/or assessment.

All Scholarships and Awards are subject to regular review, and Scholarships and Awards are subject to good performance and conduct.

Bursaries

We want to offer the benefits of a Glenalmond education to as many pupils as possible and assistance with fees is available – both for pupils wanting to attend the school and for those already here whose family circumstances change.

Bursaries are financial awards that are means-tested (based on your ability to pay) and help reduce the overall cost of sending your child to Glenalmond. Bursaries are awarded purely according to the financial position of your family and are reviewed annually.

Pupils can receive up to 100% of the full fee level in certain circumstances.

Applying for financial assistance at Glenalmond is straightforward. Applications are dealt with sensitively and in the strictest confidence. All applicants fill out an application form (available from our website) and supply documentary evidence which provides details of their income and capital. Application forms need to be returned to our Bursar no later than 1 February in the calendar year of entry. Applications will be considered after this date but any decision will be dependent upon the availability of school bursary funds.

Bursarial funds are made available from a number of sources which include a designated Endowment Fund, Annual Fund and Trust Funds. In addition, there are a number of educational and charitable trusts which provide assistance with school fees – in particular, in situations where children already attend the school and family circumstances change.

Bursaries are not generally available to overseas pupils.

Other Financial Assistance

Armed Forces

Service discounts are available. Please contact the Bursar for further information.

Clergy

Members of the clergy receive an automatic discount of 10% on the basic fee.

Sibling Discount

Automatic sibling discounts are offered to the second child (5%), third child (20%) and fourth child (50%) whilst the qualifying number of children from any family are at the school at the same time.

To discuss making an application for financial assistance or to obtain an application form please contact:

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Glenalmond College
Perth PH1 3RY
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Email: bursar@glenalmondcollege.co.uk

Academic Scholarships

A number of Academic Scholarships are available each year. For the 13+ Scholarship candidates must be under the age of 14 on the 1 September of the academic year the scholarship is to be taken. Papers are taken at Glenalmond in a range of subjects and there is an interview with the Warden. The papers are based on the Common Entrance Syllabus but are set and marked by the College. In the 13+ Scholarship examination, we look for evidence of academic potential and growth as well as a strong grounding in literacy and numeracy.

Successful Scholars will normally show strength across a range of subjects, although outstanding ability in a narrower area (e.g. Mathematics and/or Science) may be recognised. Up to eight Scholarships or other awards are available each year for entry at 13+, with the amount of the award being up to 10% of the fees, depending on the performance of the candidate. In addition, a small number of minor academic awards (Exhibitions) are available each year.

For those at Prep School, entries by this route should be discussed and agreed with the Head Teacher and entries should be made via the Prep School on entry forms available from the Prep School or directly from the Registrar. For those not at Prep School, Scholarship Entry Forms should be obtained from the Registrar.

Scholarships and Exhibitions are awarded, subject to ongoing satisfactory performance, for the duration of a pupil's time at Glenalmond. The Deputy Head (Teaching and Learning) monitors the progress of award holders, encouraging them to maintain the highest standards of commitment to their academic work and to realise their full potential. The William Bright Society offers award holders and other academically able pupils an extension programme of lectures and cross-year group discussions.

Music Scholarships

Glenalmond encourages musicians of all abilities to apply to the College and a range of Music Scholarships and awards are available to outstanding musicians.

The Music Scholarship Examination is held at the College during the Lent Term. Music Scholars may benefit from instrumental tuition for a maximum of number of instruments as per the award offer, in addition to the possibility of any fee discount. Musicians who do not merit a Music Scholarship may be awarded the benefit of instrumental tuition at the College's expense. All music award holders will be obliged to support the musical activities of the College, as specified by the Director of Music. The overall standard expected for a major award is about that of a very good result at ABRSM Grade 5 on the first instrument. General musicianship and musical intelligence will be considered as important as the ability to play, and regard will be paid to signs of promise in addition to actual performance.

The assessment consists of:

- The playing of pieces and scales on the selected instrument(s). Normally candidates would be expected to play two pieces on each instrument offered.
- The option of singing a prepared piece or pieces and performing sight singing.
- Sight reading and aural tests.
- An interview designed to explore musical interests and enthusiasms.

Music awards include Choral Scholarships and Exhibitions for singers who do not offer another musical instrument to the standard required for scholarship. Choral Scholars & Exhibitioners play a leading role in Chapel Choir and Choral Society.

Organ Scholarship

Music plays a prominent part in Glenalmond's central Chapel tradition, supported by a two manual 26 stop tracker action organ (Harrison & Harrison, 2007). An Organ Scholarship is open for award each year. Although candidates would normally be expected to have some preliminary experience as organists, pianists of ABRSM Grade 5 level or above with a genuine enthusiasm for the organ, but no experience, may be considered for this award. Organ Scholars have the opportunity both to accompany services and to direct the choir. The award this carries is in line with other music awards.

Piping Awards

These are available to pupils wishing to enter the Third Form and consist of support for piping lessons. Assessment is by audition and performance for which candidates should submit two sets of tunes to be played on the bagpipes from memory. An example of the required standard would be a set of four-parted 6/8 marches and a competition 2/4 march or tunes to a similar standard. If the candidate is able to play piobaireachd then part of their piobaireachd would be allowable as one of their sets, but this is not a requirement. A basic ability in tuning the instrument is preferred.

Candidates will be asked to sight read a basic tune and play this with music on the practice chanter. At this stage candidates may be asked to play elementary rudiments on the practice chanter, e.g. doubling or taorluath scales.

Art & Design Scholarships

Applicants for the Art & Design Scholarships should present a small folio of their own artwork. Where possible, this should include observational drawing, i.e. drawing from real objects, not from photographs. This can be still life of any kind, plant form, landscape, people etc. It should also include artwork which shows imagination and ideas. Applicants will also be asked to attend the College for a morning to do some drawing in the Art & Design Department. What is most important is that the applicant's portfolio should display a genuine interest, enthusiasm and considerable talent and potential in Art & Design and the ability to explore ideas in a visual form, preferably in a variety of media.

Application forms for the Art & Design Scholarship are available from Prep Schools or from the Registrar. Successful Art & Design Scholars will be expected to pursue the discipline of regular studio practice, especially in relation to visual research, development and the use of the sketchbook.

Art & Design Scholarships are worth up to 10% remission on fees whilst pupils study Art for GCSE or A level.

All-Rounder Awards

These are available to Third Form entrants only and in assessing these awards we look for:

- Academic strength – candidates are expected to be the equivalent of ‘good Common Entrance’ standard or better. Applicants will take the basic entry tests in English and Verbal Reasoning.
- Candidates must also have a strong supporting letter/reference from their current school. We look, in particular, for outstanding contribution to the school community and good leadership potential, as well as a strong all round character.
- A written submission which is composed of a) a brief letter (200 words max) of application by the candidate and b) a CV prepared by the candidate (this can be typed or written by hand.)
- A strong interview with the Warden.
- Strength and measurable achievement in at least two areas beyond the above and from the following categories:

Drama

Candidates will be asked to perform a short audition piece. The text can be from any source, classical or modern, verse or prose. They will also take part in a group workshop that will allow an opportunity to display other drama skills, such as improvisation, basic movement and working with others.

Sport(s)

Evidence must be displayed in the CV and in the interview with the Director of Sport of achievement at, and preferably above, school level in sport. The majority of candidates will have represented their schools in at least two major sports and the best may also have further representative honours.

Music

Candidates will be asked to play one piece on each instrument offered, with the additional option of singing. The level of difficulty of the music offered is expected to be about that required in Grade 3 ABRSM examinations. Successful candidates will be required to remain members of specified ensembles (Chapel Choir, String Orchestra and/or Concert Band) during the tenure of their Award.

Art

Applicants for the All Rounder award should present for Art & Design a small folio of their own work. Where possible, this should include observational drawing, i.e. drawing from real objects, not from photographs. This can be still life of any kind, plant form, landscape, people etc. It should also include artwork which shows imagination and ideas. Students will also be asked to attend College to do some drawing in the Art & Design Department. What is most important is that the applicant’s portfolio should display a genuine interest, enthusiasm and some talent in Art & Design and the ability to explore ideas in a visual form, preferably in a variety of media.

All Rounder Awards are worth up to 10% remission on the basic fee subject to satisfactory commitment and progress of the pupil.

Outstanding Talent Awards

In this category we are looking for pupils of exceptional ability and potential in their chosen sports discipline. Successful applicants will be expected to be at or have the potential to perform at a national level. The Outstanding Talent Award takes place during the scholarship week in the Lent Term and will comprise of a series of activities to test ability and potential. Applicants will need to provide a sporting CV and will also undertake an interview with the relevant members of staff. Those who receive this award are expected to maintain a full commitment to supporting College sport and reaching appropriate performance levels.

Successful candidates will join the Athlete Development Programme at Glenalmond. This programme is designed to help meet the individual needs of our talented performers. We recognise the need to help develop and encourage those who have the ability to really achieve within their chosen sphere in a variety of ways which include:

- Pupils will be assigned a Sports' Mentor from within the PE Department with particular sporting expertise
- Pupils will receive extra training support, nutritional advice, lifestyle management, and training planning
- The group meets least twice a term for exposure to sport at a top level. This will take the form of visiting lecturers, specific training sessions and visits.

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Applying for a Scholarship

Scholarship dates and past papers can be found in the Admissions section of our website.

To apply for a scholarship, please contact our Head of Admissions, Mike Jeffers.

Tel: 01738 842144

Email: registrar@glenalmondcollege.co.uk

Recipients of any award are invited to waive the financial gain if they are in a position to do so. Such released funds will go exclusively to supporting other pupils who without financial help would be unable to attend Glenalmond. All such allocations will be strictly means tested and waived scholarship remission will only be awarded to applicants needing 80% or more remission.