



Riverside Christian College Scholarship Program

This policy provides the guidelines for Scholarships at Riverside Christian College. A scholarship is a set fees program awarded to a student meeting the specific scholarship criteria across the disciplines of Academia, Sport, Creative & Performing Arts and College Values. It is a competitive process wherein students must excel in a particular field, demonstrating merit, competency and commitment to embrace the philosophy of the College.

Scholarship Mission Goals

In the process of Christian Education; to help each child achieve his or her God-given potential, by providing appropriate educational opportunities according to each one's abilities.

Within their Christian Community Life; to be compassionate and merciful as God is to us. To encourage the involvement of those supportive of the College ethos who can assist in teaching and learning at Riverside Christian College.

Further, the College benefits from such a program as excellence is encouraged across nominated key learning areas, and as students of demonstrated Christian Leadership influence the lives of other students.

Scholarships are designed to achieve the following:

- To build up areas of excellence within the College.
- To provide specialised scholarships to promote a rich, varied and disciplined educational environment that acknowledges individual skill and talent.

Scholarship Guidelines

- Scholarships will be granted following a selection process established by the College on the approval of the Principal.
- Scholarships will operate for 1 calendar year only (Promotional Academic Scholarships are an exception to this)
- A student will forfeit their scholarship through gross misconduct or by or by not meeting the requirements or expectations of the scholarship as outlined in this document.

Students in Year 6 to 11 are eligible to make a scholarship application.

Scholarship Categories

Students are eligible to apply for one or more of the scholarships on offer. However, a student may only hold one scholarship at any given time.

- **Academic Scholarships** in selected key core subjects; English, Maths, Science, Humanities and Physical Education.
- **Sporting Scholarships** for proven high achievement in sporting activities.
- **Creative & Performing Arts Scholarships** in selected subjects; Music, Visual Arts, Drama and Media.
- **College Values Scholarships** relate to the College values that are based on the Scripture Matthew 25:23 – “Well done, my good and faithful servant”.

EXCELLENCE (Well) Daniel 6:3 ESV

- ♦ We strive for our personal best in everything we do.
- ♦ We live with curiosity, creativity and with innovation.
- ♦ We give our personal best in everything we do.
- ♦ We embrace improvement with a positive attitude.

TEAMWORK (Done) Ecclesiastes 4:9 NLT

- ♦ We cooperate with each other.
- ♦ We are sincere in our opinions and dealing with other team members.
- ♦ We are willing to implement plans that have been devised.
- ♦ We work together towards a common vision through open communication and accountability.

RESPECT (Good) Luke 6:31 NLT

- ♦ We are intentional in our communications and value the opinions of others.
- ♦ We honour one another with integrity and compassion.
- ♦ We take care of College property and always leading by example.
- ♦ We are bridge builders and act in a manner that creates an inclusive work environment.

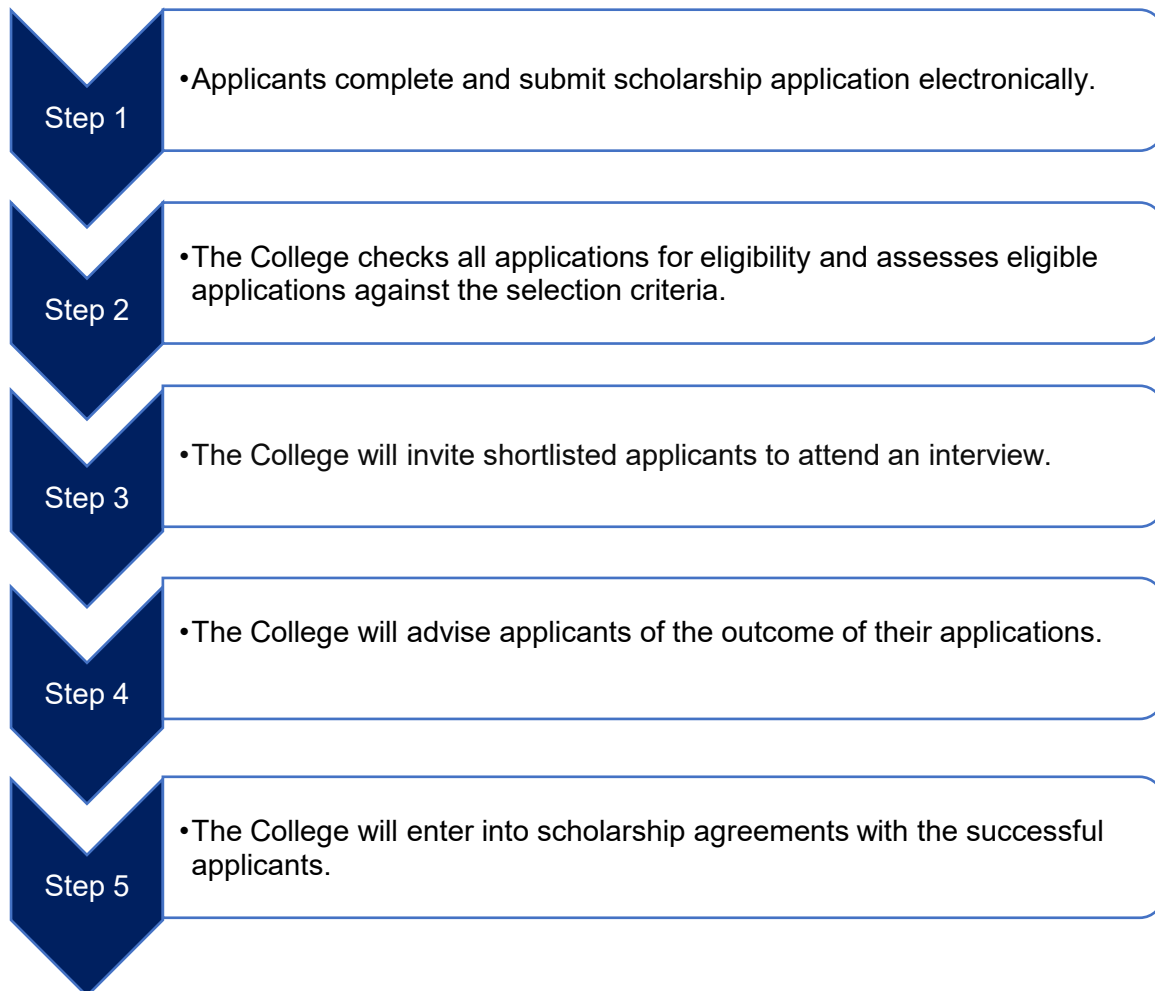
FAITH (Faithful) Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV

- ♦ We live by God’s precepts and principles.
- ♦ We consistently apply ourselves to our work.
- ♦ We constantly seek to do the right thing.
- ♦ We press through barriers and never give up.

COMMUNITY (Servant) Matthew 23:11 NLT

- ♦ We give our best service within the College community.
- ♦ We represent the College positively to the broader community.
- ♦ We celebrate the journey of every individual.
- ♦ We serve others with joy and humility.

Scholarship Process Overview



Scholarship Benefits

The College awards both 100% scholarships and 50% scholarships of the annual tuition fees. (Promotional Academic Scholarships attract a 100% annual tuition fees for set duration made clear in the invitational contract). Bus fees are excluded and are required to be paid regardless of scholarship attainment.

The final decision on awarding scholarships will be made by the Principal. This policy respects the confidentiality of each applicant and, as such, the College does not publicise information about scholarship recipients at any stage in the selection process.

Scholarship Selection Process

Application Process Overview

Scholarship recipients are selected through a competitive, merit-based selection process against the selection criteria set out in Appendix 1.

To receive a scholarship, each individual must submit a complete application along with the supporting documents, saved as **one PDF document**, to scholarships@riverside.qld.edu.au by the due date (last day of Term 3).

2. Promotional Academic Scholarships, when available, will be advertised with an open and closing submission date outside of the regular scholarship program and shortlisted applicants will sit an academic examination. Only academic evidence and a character reference needs to be provided with the application.

Completing the Scholarship Application

Application Requirements:

- The scholarship application form must be completed **electronically**, signed and saved as **one PDF document**.
- All minimum and maximum word requirements must be adhered to within the application form.
- Evidence of achievements in the chosen discipline must be provided. Copies of relevant awards and certificates must be no more than two years old.
- Any achievements over two years old may be listed on a separate document in order of achievement, issuing organisation and the year.
- Provide two character references - one from a representative within the College community and the second from an external representative within the greater community.
- If the applicant is not currently enrolled at the College the student will need to submit their two most recent Academic Reports and two external character references.
- The **one PDF document** must be submitted by the due date.

Notification of Application Outcomes

The College will advise scholarship applicants of the outcome by email.

Feedback on Applications

Unsuccessful scholarship applicants may request feedback from the College. The process for requesting feedback will be advised in the written notification.



Scholarship Expectations and Review

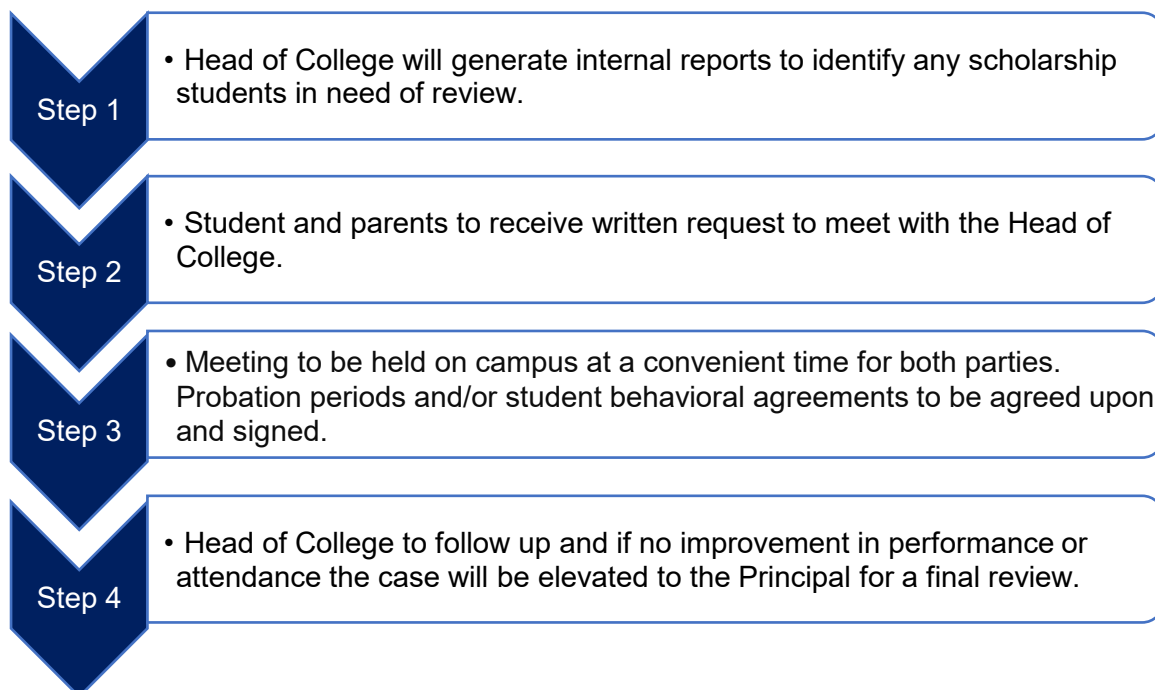
Successful scholarship applicants are expected to take an active part in the life of the College. Each successful applicant is expected to be an active volunteer one or more activities within the College.

A review meeting will be conducted at any given time within the school year. This meeting may take place between the student, parent and Head of College if it is determined that the student is not progressing in skill development and the commitment to College life. If it is deemed that the student is not adhering to the College's expectations of the Scholarship, then the scholarship is at risk of being withdrawn on the recommendation of the Head of College and the Principal's discretion.

All scholarship applicants are required to:

- Adhere to the Riverside Christian College Care and Conduct Policy.
- Maintain exemplary behaviour and appearance.
- Maintain attendance and involvement in all compulsory College activities including camps and carnivals.
- Participate in co-curricular activities of the College.
- Demonstrate a sustained effort to maintain and improve performance in all areas.
- Overall attendance must be exemplary.

Scholarship Review Overview



APPENDIX 1

Academic Scholarship Criteria						
50%	Must receive A's for at least 3 subjects, 2 of which must be core subjects	Must receive a B or higher for effort in every subject	Must attend at least 2 external College events throughout the year (presentation night not included)	Attendance rate 90% or higher	Represent our College with pride, maintain good academic grades and wears uniform to a high standard. Demonstrate an exemplary standard of behaviour in line with the College 'Care and Conduct Policy'. Failure to do so may result in loss of scholarship.	Promote academic engagement and support College students by mentoring and displaying leadership in all endeavours.
100%	Must receive A's for at least 4 subjects, 3 of which must be core subjects	Must receive an A for effort in every subject	Must attend at least 3 external College events throughout the year (presentation night not included)	Attendance rate 95% or higher		

Sporting Scholarship Criteria							
50%	Must excel at 1 or 2 sports	Must be present at all College carnivals throughout the year & represent the College at 2 MDSS trials	Must gain selection in MDSS team	Must be selected for a Wide Bay team or greater	Attendance rate 90% or higher	Represent our College with pride, maintain good academic grades and wears uniform to a high standard. Demonstrate an exemplary standard of behaviour in line with the College 'Care and Conduct Policy'. Failure to do so may result in loss of scholarship.	Be part of a College sport team. Be committed to training and improving skills. Promote team spirit at all College events.
100%	Must excel at 2 or 3 sports	Must be present at all College carnivals throughout the year & represent the College at all MDSS trials	Must gain selection in MDSS team	Must be selected for a Wide Bay team or greater	Attendance rate 95% or higher		

Creative Arts Scholarship Criteria							
50%	Must excel at 1 or 2 Creative Arts areas	Must be present at all College showcase events throughout the year. Represent the College at two competitions/eisteddfods	Must be part of a College team, band or group	Must be part of a community Creative Arts club/team/lessons	Attendance rate 90% or higher	Represent our College with pride, maintain good academic grades and wears uniform to a high standard. Demonstrate an exemplary standard of behaviour in line with the College 'Care and Conduct Policy'. Failure to do so may result in loss of scholarship.	Be part of a College Creative Arts team. (Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts, Film, Tech Crew) Committed to training and improving skills.
100%	Must excel at 2 or 3 Creative Arts areas (e.g. Music/dance)	Must be present at all College showcase events throughout the year. Represent the College at all competitions/eisteddfods	Must be part of a College team, band or group	Must be part of a community Creative Arts club, team, lessons.	Attendance rate 95% or higher		

College Values Scholarship Criteria							
50%	Periodically demonstrate a high level of community service	Student must actively participate in all school carnivals	Must not receive below a B for effort in any subject	Must participate or volunteer at least 2 external College events throughout the year (Awards night not included)	Attendance rate 90% or higher	Represent our College with pride, maintain good academic grades and wears uniform to a high standard. Demonstrate an exemplary standard of behaviour in line with the College 'Care and Conduct Policy'. Failure to do so may result in loss of scholarship.	Promotes the College Values of Excellence, Teamwork, Respect, Faith and Community in the way they represent themselves both within the College and in the wider community.
100%	Consistently demonstrate a high level of community service	Student must actively participate in all school carnivals.	Must not receive below an A for effort in any subject	Must participate or volunteer at least 3 external College events throughout the year (Awards night not included)	Attendance rate 95% or higher		