BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

2028 Scholarship and Bursary Application

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

Brisbane Grammar School (BGS) has a long tradition of offering scholarships and bursaries to students who have demonstrated they have the potential to derive benefit from a BGS education.

What is the difference between a scholarship and a bursary?

- The purpose of a scholarship is to attract talented students who will enhance Brisbane Grammar School's education programs and positively contribute to the School's culture. There are three (3) types of scholarships: Academic Scholarships, Sports Scholarships and Cultural Scholarships. Scholarships are funded by the School.
- The purpose of a bursary is to provide financial support to a student whose family would not otherwise have the financial means to afford a BGS education for their son and who can positively contribute to the School. Only those students who meet the strict needs-based requirements are eligible for a bursary. Bursaries are funded by the BGS Bursary Fund.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic Scholarships (Trustees' Scholarships)

Brief Description

Academic Scholarships are known at BGS as Trustees' Scholarships. Academic Scholarships have been offered in some form at BGS since the School's foundation in 1868. Academic Scholarships are offered to boarders and day students entering Years 7 and 10.

Funding

The provision of Academic Scholarships is funded by the School and is reviewed annually in the context of the budget approved by the BGS Board of Trustees.

Eligibility

To be eligible for an Academic Scholarship, a candidate must:

- be in Year 6 or Year 9 (for entry into Year 7 or Year 10 the following year) when they sit the Australian College of Educational Research (ACER) Scholarship Examination;
- perform at an exceptional level (as determined by the Headmaster) in the ACER Scholarship Examination;
- submit their two (2) latest academic reports and NAPLAN results; and
- submit two (2) letters of reference concerning academic performance and behavioural profile.

The ACER Scholarship Examination is held at BGS each year in February. Academic Scholarships are awarded by the Headmaster after shortlisted candidates are interviewed. **Applicants for the Academic/Trustees' Scholarships need to register for the ACER Examination only (no application required prior to the exam). Shortlisted applicants will be asked to complete an application form in April 2027.**

Value of Academic Scholarships

The value of Academic Scholarships vary depending on the student's performance in the ACER Scholarship Examination.

Annual Review

Each year in August, Academic Scholarship recipient's progress is reviewed by the BGS Review Panel, comprising the Headmaster, Deputy Headmaster and Head of Senior School, Deputy Headmaster Teaching and Learning, Head of Middle School and the Director of Enrolments. A student's ongoing scholarship eligibility is dependent upon the following:

- Compliance with the School's Code of Expectations;
- Exemplary academic standards;
- Participation in a broad range of cocurricular activities; and
- Positive contribution to BGS culture.

Applications for 2028 close on Sunday 7 February 2027.

Sports Scholarships

Brief Description

Sports Scholarships may be awarded to students who have demonstrated excellence or exhibit the requisite talent to compete in one or more of The Great Public Schools' Association of Queensland (GPS) sports. Sports Scholarships are offered to boarders and day students entering Years 7 to 11.

The twelve (12) GPS interschool activities are: Basketball, Chess, Cricket, Cross Country, Debating, Football, Rowing, Rugby Union, Swimming, Tennis, Track and Field, and Volleyball.

Funding

The provision of Sports Scholarships is funded by the School and reviewed annually in the context of the budget approved by the BGS Board of Trustees.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a Sports Scholarship, a candidate must:

- exhibit talent in one or more GPS sports (this may include Regional, State or National performance or selection);
- submit their two (2) latest academic reports and NAPLAN results;
- show evidence of exemplary standards of effort, progress and behaviour at school;
- submit two (2) referees' reports outlining suitability for a Sports Scholarship. One reference must be from an academic staff member, the other from a suitably qualified coach or mentor; and
- attend an interview with the Headmaster or delegate.

Value of Sports Scholarships

The value of Sports Scholarships vary depending on the family's financial circumstances and the student's potential to enhance the School's performance in nominated activities.

Annual Review

Each year in August, the Sports Scholarship recipient's progress is reviewed by the BGS Review Panel, comprising the Headmaster, Deputy Headmaster and Head of Senior School, Deputy Headmaster Cocurricular and Director of Enrolments. A student's ongoing Sports Scholarship eligibility is dependent upon the following:

- Compliance with the School's Code of Expectations;
- Demonstrable academic progress;
- High-level commitment to two (2) nominated GPS sports each year; and
- The student's commitment to the nominated GPS sports being prioritised over any other club or representative activities.

Applications for 2028 close on Friday 18 June 2027.

Please note that current BGS students are not required to provide references (unless chosen referees are not current BGS staff)

Cultural Scholarships

Brief Description

Cultural Scholarships may be awarded to students who have demonstrated excellence or the requisite talent to contribute to the BGS Art, Drama or Music programs. Cultural Scholarships are offered to boarders and day students entering Years 7 to 11.

Funding

The provision of Cultural Scholarships is funded by the School and reviewed annually in the context of the budget approved by the BGS Board of Trustees.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a Cultural Scholarship, a candidate must:

- demonstrate talent in the performing and/or visual and graphic arts;
- provide evidence of relevant high-level accreditation (such as AMEB grades);
- have the capacity to skillfully contribute to the School's program of music ensembles and concerts, or dramatic productions, or art exhibitions;
- submit their two (2) latest academic reports and NAPLAN results;
- provide evidence of exemplary standards of effort, progress, and behaviour at school;

- submit two (2) referees' reports outlining suitability for a Cultural Scholarship at BGS. One reference must be from an academic staff member, the other from a suitably qualified instructor or mentor; and
- attend an interview with the Headmaster or delegate.

Value of Cultural Scholarships

The value of Cultural Scholarships vary depending on the family's financial circumstances and the student's potential to enhance the School's performance in nominated activities.

Annual Review

Each year in August, the Cultural Scholarship recipient's progress is reviewed by the BGS Review Panel, comprising the Headmaster, Deputy Headmaster and Head of Senior School, Deputy Headmaster Cocurricular and the Director of Enrolments. A student's ongoing Cultural Scholarship eligibility is dependent upon the following:

- Compliance with the School's Code of Expectations;
- Demonstrable academic progress;
- High-level commitment to two (2) nominated BGS activities each year; and
- The student's commitment to the nominated BGS cultural activities being prioritised over any other external commitments.

Applications for 2028 close on Friday 18 June 2027.

Please note that current BGS students are not required to provide references (unless chosen referees are not current BGS staff).

BURSARIES

Brief Description

Brisbane Grammar School has a longstanding tradition of providing financial support to well-rounded students whose families would not otherwise have the financial means to afford a BGS education. All bursaries are means tested, and all applicants are required to complete an external financial assessment, with links provided to families after the application deadline.

BGS has partnered with an organisation that assesses bursary applications, and all applications are reviewed by an external assessor. Bursaries are offered annually to students entering Years 7 to 11.

Funding

The provision of bursaries is funded by the BGS Bursary Fund, and the amount is reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees. Donations to the BGS Bursary Fund are invested under the governance of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees with a view to preserving the underlying capital and funding bursaries from investment earnings.

The BGS Bursary Fund is a Deductible Gift Recipient for taxation purposes and receives donations from generous supporters to provide broader access to a BGS education.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a bursary, a candidate must:

- complete a financial assessment (details provided after the application deadline);
- submit two (2) of their latest academic reports and NAPLAN results;
- provide evidence of exemplary standards of effort, progress, and behaviour at school;
- demonstrate evidence of potential to commit to the School's academic, cocurricular and leadership programs;
- provide two (2) letters of reference. One reference must be from an academic staff member, the other from a suitably qualified instructor or mentor who can vouch for the applicant's character; and
- attend an interview with the Headmaster or delegate.

Bursaries are offered annually to students:

- who have an Old Boy connection
- within the Greater Brisbane region;
- who are from regional, rural and remote communities and therefore require boarding at BGS;
- of Indigenous heritage; or
- of refugee status.

Value of Bursaries

The value of bursaries vary depending on the family's financial circumstances and the student's capacity to contribute to the School's academic, cocurricular and leadership programs.

Annual Review

Bursaries are subject to annual review by the Headmaster, Deputy Headmaster and Head of Senior School, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Enrolments. A student's ongoing bursary eligibility is dependent on the following:

- Compliance with the School's Code of Expectations;
- Satisfactory academic progress;
- Demonstrable contribution to the School's cocurricular and leadership programs; and
- Substantiation of continuing financial need.

Applications for 2028 close on Friday 18 June 2027.

Please note that current BGS students are not required to provide references (unless chosen referees are not current BGS staff).

KEY DATES FOR 2027

- Saturday 27 February 2027 – ACER Scholarship Exam (Academic Scholarships)
- Friday 18 June 2027 - BGS Scholarship and Bursary applications for 2028 entry

Applications for scholarships and bursaries take six (6) weeks to assess, at which point families will be notified of the outcome of their son's application, in writing, by the Headmaster's Office.

Late applications will not be accepted.

For further information on scholarships or bursaries or on the School's Privacy Policy, please refer to the **BGS website**.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORMS

Completed applications are to be sent to the Enrolments Office at Brisbane Grammar School by mail or email.

Mail

Director of Enrolments
Brisbane Grammar School
24 Gregory Terrace
Spring Hill QLD 4000

Email

enrolments@brisbanegrammar.com

APPLICATION

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Section 1 — Category of Application

- ☐ Academic Scholarship (Trustees' Scholarship) - via the ACER Exam
- ☐ Sport Scholarship
- ☐ Cultural Scholarship
- ☐ General Bursary
- ☐ Indigenous Bursary
- ☐ BGS Old Boy Bursary

Please outline the specific category and activity you are being considered for from within that category.
e.g. Sport Scholarship - Swimming and Rugby

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Section 2 — Applicant Details

Family Name Given Names

Year Level (2028) Date of Birth Preferred Name

☐ Day Student ☐ Boarder Australian Citizen ☐ Yes ☐ No

ATSI ☐ Yes ☐ No Previous BGS Connections

Current Enrolment Status ☐ Not Enrolled ☐ Waiting List ☐ Enrolment List ☐ Current Student

Current School

Section 3 — Parent/Guardian Details

Contact 1 ☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Dr ☐ Other

Family Name Preferred Name

Occupation

Employer Time with Employer (Years/Months)

Date of birth Marital Status Number of Dependents

Residential Address

Postal Address (or As Above)

Home Phone Mobile Email

Contact 2 ☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Dr ☐ Other

Family Name Preferred Name

Occupation

Employer Time with Employer (Years/Months)

Date of birth Marital Status Number of Dependents

Residential Address

Postal Address (or As Above)

Home Phone Mobile Email

Section 4— Children

Details of dependent children

Name ..... Age .....

School .....

Name ..... Age .....

School .....

Name ..... Age .....

School .....

Name ..... Age .....

School .....

Name ..... Age .....

School .....

If parents are divorced or separated, indicate the living arrangements for the child (children):

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Please provide copies of any court orders ☐ Attached

Details of other independent schools that applications for enrolment have been lodged with:

School ..... Enrolment Year .....

School ..... Enrolment Year .....

School ..... Enrolment Year .....

Section 5 — Declaration

The information above is given to assist the School and its financial advisors in evaluating my (our) application and is to be kept strictly confidential.

I (We) agree to provide any further information required by the School and its financial advisors. I (We) give authority to the financial advisors of the School to contact my (our) referees/ accountants and I (we) further agree to meet all costs that arise from this application with respect to the provision of such information.

I (We) acknowledge and agree that:

1. Bursaries will cover full or part remission of tuition fees for up to six years of secondary school subject to the parents/guardians of successful applicants entering into an agreement with the School confirming the terms upon which the Bursary will be offered including evidence of ongoing financial circumstances and the student's satisfactory performance and involvement in the School's programs.
2. Following receipt of applications for a Bursary the determination of which applicants will be offered a Bursary is at the sole discretion of the Headmaster of the School after considering the applicant's performance in the Cooperative Scholarship Test set by the Australian Council for Educational Research (unless this requirement is waived at the School's discretion in lieu of other acceptable evidence of academic performance), the financial circumstances of the applicant's family, the applicant's capacity and willingness to contribute to the Co-Curricular program, and any other information which the Headmaster, in his sole discretion, considers relevant.
3. The decision of the Headmaster will be final and no further correspondence or enquiry will be entered into with applicants following the Headmaster's decision.

I (We) declare that all of the information given above is true to the best of my (our) knowledge or belief.

Signature
(Parent 1 / Guardian 1)

Signature
(Parent 2 / Guardian 2)

Date

Date

Section 6 — Checklist for Application

- ☐ Application form
- ☐ Cover letter
- ☐ CV of achievements
- ☐ Latest two (2) end of semester academic reports
- ☐ NAPLAN results
- ☐ Reference letters
- ☐ Supporting documentation
- ☐ If applying for an Indigenous bursary, a reference from a local elder or appropriate representative.

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