

Malek Fahd Islamic School Limited



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Policy

The School acknowledges the power of education to transform the lives of young people and the important role a good education plays in supporting social justice and eliminating poverty. Moreover, being charitable and providing for those in need are fundamental Islamic practices, and an objective of the School is to ensure provision is available for students whose family circumstances might otherwise not allow them to enrol or maintain enrolment in the School.

In addition, to enrich the lives of all students and the School community, the School recognises the importance of attracting and retaining students who exhibit exceptional academic achievement, service to the school community, achievement in co-curricular activities or religious development.

The School will award a variety of scholarships and bursaries to assist students and their families with the hope that these awards contribute to the recipients' character development by encouraging them to become distinguished, responsible achievers in all their endeavours.

Information about scholarships and bursaries and the application process is published on the School website for current and prospective parents and in School newsletters.

Scholarships

The School will offer the following scholarships:

Open Scholarships - new students to Malek Fahd

Open to students from outside the School to enter Years 5, 7, 9 and 11. These Scholarships are awarded to students considered to have exceptional academic potential, who will benefit substantially by attending the school, and who will in turn make a significant contribution to the academic life of the School. Factors other than purely academic potential may be taken into account.

The Scholarships are perpetual and are reliant on quality progress and behaviour. They are allocated after the completion of the Allwell examination and an interview with the Deputy Principal, Teaching and Learning. Recommendations will be brought to the Scholarship

Committee¹ and then to the Principal. The number of full and half scholarships offered will be based on the annual assessment of the quality of applicant of value equal to full or half tuition fees for the remaining years of schooling.

Recipients of Open Scholarships are reviewed annually to ensure academic standards and acceptable behaviour are being maintained.

Academic Scholarships

Academic Scholarships are awarded to students entering Year 5, 7, 9 and Year 11. These Scholarships are awarded to students considered to have exceptional academic potential, who will benefit substantially by attending the school, and who will in turn make a significant contribution to the academic life of the School. Factors other than purely academic potential may be taken into account.

The Scholarships are allocated after the completion of the Allwell examination and an interview with the Deputy Principal, Teaching and Learning. Recommendations will be brought to the Scholarship Committee and then to the Principal. At the discretion of the Principal, Academic Scholarships maybe awarded to students in other years.

Academic Scholarships based on Allwell results may be full and half academic fees. The number of full and half scholarships offered will be based on the annual assessment of the quality of applicant of value equal to full or half tuition fees for the remaining years of secondary schooling.

Recipients of Academic Scholarships are reviewed annually and are continued if the student is considered to be making outstanding progress.

All-rounder Scholarships

All-rounder Scholarships are awarded to internal and external students, **four in total**, entering from Year 7 to Year 11. They are awarded based on Allwell results and reports from Welfare or Heads of Department or Heads of Campus or equivalent from another school and teachers and may be full and half academic fees. The Scholarship Committee will make recommendations to the Principal of potential recipients.

The number of full and half scholarships offered will be based on the annual assessment of the quality of applicant of value equal to full or half tuition fees for the remaining years of secondary schooling.

- Strong academic ability or potential, with good reports that reflect effort and solid references from their school.

¹ The Scholarship Committee shall comprise of the Deputy Principals and a delegate of the Principal.

- Sound character traits and a potential to lead; a ready willingness to participate in a variety of educational and school-related activities.
- Evidence that he/she shows active participation and achievement in a co-curricular program e.g. sport, debating and public speaking, or service learning projects (community service)

Religious Sheikh Scholarships

Religious Sheikh Scholarship, maximum of one per Year grade (all Campuses) from Year 5 to 10, is given to students to display evidence that he/she shows active participation and achievement in Islamic Service.

The scholarships are allocated to students who demonstrate:

- memorisation and recitation of the Quran, evidence of a certificate after the completion of an examination
- active participation in religious activities and events held at School and in the community.

Applicants for the Religious Sheikh Scholarship will undertake an interview with the Chaplain and Deputy Principal, Pastoral and Community. Recommendation will be brought to the Scholarship Committee and then to the Principal.

Religious Sheikh Scholarship may be full or half academic fees. The number of full and half scholarships offered will be based on the annual assessment of the quality of applicant of value equal to full or half tuition fees for the remaining years of primary or secondary schooling.

Arabic Mastery of Language Scholarships

Outstanding reading, writing and speaking of Modern Standard Arabic language. These scholarships are awarded to students of any campus.

The number of full and half scholarships offered will be based on the annual assessment of the quality of applicant. The Scholarships are allocated after the completion of the Arabic examination and an interview with the Head of Arabic and Deputy Principal, Teaching and Learning. Recommendations will be brought to the Scholarship Committee and then to the Principal.

Arabic Mastery of Language Scholarships may be full and half academic fees. The number of full and half scholarships offered will be based on the annual assessment of the quality of applicant of value equal to full or half tuition fees for the remaining years of primary or secondary schooling.

Bursaries

The School will offer the following bursaries:

Means-related Scholarships (Bursaries)

Bursaries are awarded to students who would otherwise not be able to attend Malek Fahd who apply considerable effort to their studies and who will contribute significantly to co-curricular activities within the School. Candidates for Means-related Scholarships are required to sit the Allwell examination.

Occasional Means-related Scholarships (Bursaries)

These bursaries are available each year and awarded to students who would otherwise not be able to attend Malek Fahd. It is expected recipients of these scholarships apply considerable effort to their studies and contribute significantly to co-curricular activities within the School.

General conditions

Scholarship and Bursary holders are being granted a privilege in being awarded this assistance to attend a highly regarded School. Accordingly, students are required to attend all school functions and make themselves available to assist the staff and hence the school at these events. Non-attendance can lead to the Scholarship or Bursary being withdrawn.

The School and its arrangement with a family to offer a Scholarship or Bursary will be completely confidential. Some situations can become difficult when members of a family hear of Scholarships or Bursaries being offered and they are subsequently not considered but others are. This can be interpreted as being unfair so confidentiality is extremely important.

It is most important students who are awarded Scholarships or Bursaries understand they must satisfy the agreement they have with the School. While some Scholarships are awarded as early as Year 5, the continuation of the Scholarship is dependent on the student maintaining the high standards throughout all years of their schooling and fulfilling the obligations for which the Scholarship was originally awarded. A drop in attendance, behaviour, results or standards can lead to the Scholarship or Bursary being withdrawn.

Scholarships and Bursaries cover the cost of tuition fees only and do not include any other costs for necessary school items including uniform, test books, workbooks, stationery, electronic devices or sports equipment.

Application for scholarships

The School asks for a written 'Expression of Interest' addressed to the Principal should you feel a child meets the criteria for the award of a Scholarship. The Expression of Interest will be assessed by the Principal and Deputy Principal, Teaching and Learning with potential scholarship holders invited for an interview. A portfolio of the student's achievements should be presented at the interview for consideration.

Application for bursaries

Parents requiring assistance should contact the Principal requesting an interview. The School will then ask parents to submit to the Principal documentation to support the application for assistance. An interview with the Principal and Deputy Principal, Teaching and Learning will then be arranged. All discussions will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Review of policy

This policy will be reviewed annually, and the reviewed document submitted to the Board for approval by the last Board meeting in the calendar year of the review. The next review is due in 2021.