

Scholarship Awards

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The school has a wide catchment, with a bus service on a number of routes. It has a good soccer tradition as well as seeking to promote musical & artistic ability. For more information on the school see www.rockbrook.ie.

Scholarships are now being offered for students commencing in first year in September 2019. The scholarships may cover up to the full cost of fees at the school. These scholarships will continue for the duration of the student's attendance at the school. While the scholarships will be awarded under specific category headings, academic excellence will be a consideration in all scholarship awards. ***A scholarship may be awarded under any category heading, but there is no commitment to award scholarships under each heading.*** These categories are:

- student of high academic ability
- student with exceptional soccer skills
- student who might not otherwise consider a fee-paying school
- student with acclaimed musical or artistic skills.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of

- a completed application form
- appropriate academic tests (no guidelines are issued for these tests which are usually in English & Mathematics)
- an interview with the applicant (not all students will be called for interview)
- a review of ability at soccer, music or art (for applications in those categories, based on information provided or on assessment made; not all applicants will be asked to perform)
- a review of current school reports and homework copies or workbooks.

For full details and application forms contact the Secretary, Rockbrook Park School, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16. Tel 01-4933204, email admin@rockbrook.ie or download from the school website.

Applications for 2019/20 open on 26 October and the **closing date for applications is 16 November, 2018**. The scholarship selection process will be conducted during November 2018. Please ensure you provide an up-to-date mobile number and, where possible, a regularly viewed email address.

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Terms and Conditions

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In seeking to encourage equal opportunity of access to education, the school has a scholarship scheme. Scholarships are being offered to students entering first year in the academic year 2019/20. The scholarships may cover up to the full cost of fees at the school. These scholarships will continue for the duration of the student's attendance at the school. The Scholarship Awards Scheme is subject to the terms and conditions outlined below.

The following terms and conditions will apply to the scholarship award scheme:

1. The scholarships will be awarded to boys for the duration of secondary school studies in Rockbrook Park School, subject to conditions. While the scholarship awards may be considered under specific category headings all scholarships relate to academic ability.
2. The specific category awards for the scholarship award scheme are outlined below. Students may apply under at most two category headings. A scholarship may be awarded under any category. Awards will not necessarily be made under all category headings. The specific categories are:
 - students of high academic ability
 - students with exceptional soccer skills
 - students with acclaimed musical or artistic ability
 - students who might not otherwise consider a fee-paying school.

Scholarships will be awarded to students entering first year of secondary school. The school reserves the right to alter the number of awards made in any category or not to make an award. The school also reserves the right to offer partial scholarships in particular circumstances. The Scholarship Committee will give consideration to the financial needs of the applicant in its assessment.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of an application, academic tests, an interview with the boy, current school reports and homework copies or workbooks. No guidelines are provided to anyone with regard to the academic tests which are usually in English and Mathematics. Those applying under the music, art or soccer category will also be judged on information to hand or some assessment regarding their ability. Not all students will be called to interview. Not all who apply under music or soccer will be called to perform. The Scholarship Committee *may* seek back-up documentation to confirm any information provided. A letter of recommendation from the primary school principal *may* also be sought.

3. The parents of those seeking scholarships are also expected to make a commitment to fully participate in the school community throughout the duration of the award.
4. A parent wishing to apply on their son's behalf must complete an application form and return it to the Scholarship Committee of Rockbrook Park School together with
 - a copy of a recent school report (from June 2018)
 - a recent photograph of the student.
5. Applications must be submitted by 16 November. Interviews, tests and inspection of the student's work will take place in November/December, and scholarships will be offered in December. The Scholarship Committee will endeavour to make fair decisions based on the criteria outlined in this document. The Scholarship Committee's decisions are final and the committee cannot enter into correspondence or discussion with regard to its decisions.

All scholarships are awarded in accordance with the procedure outlined above. The scholarships are for the normal duration of secondary school studies and it is not envisaged that these would apply to studying for a repeat year. Scholarship holders are expected to perform in accord with their academic ability, and to uphold the standards of the school, as with any other Rockbrook student. Parents are also expected to participate in the life of the school. Any substantial departure from these standards will be considered in each annual review of scholarships by the Scholarship Committee and may lead to a curtailment or removal of the scholarship award for subsequent years. Applicants are encouraged to review the values and philosophy of Rockbrook Park School before making an application. While the underlying ethos of the school is Catholic, awards may be made to students of other faiths.