

ASCHAM SCHOOL

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP QUESTIONS



Dates and Testing

Q --- When do Applications close?
A --- Friday 19 February 2010

Q --- When is Scholarship Information Day?
A --- Friday 26 February 2010

Q --- When is Scholarship Testing Day?
A --- Saturday 27 February, 2010.

Q--- What time does Scholarship Testing Day commence and conclude?
A--- Girls should arrive before 8.20am and be picked up at 12.30pm. The girls receive a break during the morning and refreshments will be provided.

Q --- Am I able to sit for the scholarship testing if I am not in New South Wales on the scheduled date of testing?
A --- Only if you meet the criteria for distance/remote testing. Please submit a request in writing to the School marked, Scholarships 'FAO The Registrar' for consideration.

Q -- Who can apply to sit Distance/Remote Testing?
A -- All distance/remote testing applications are subject to approval by Ascham School. Applications for remote testing will be considered if your daughter lives a significant distance from Sydney, making it difficult for her to come to the School to sit the exam. If your daughter is short listed she must attend Activity Day.

Q - We have something else scheduled for the same day eg. birthday party, sport activity, travel etc. Can we apply to sit the exam on a different day via remote testing?
A -- Generally the School won't approve this. However, you may submit a request in writing to the School marked, Scholarships 'FAO The Registrar' for consideration.

Q --- Since we applied my daughter has had an injury or illness that prevents her from sitting the exam (eg broken her arm, the flu, twisted her ankle). What can be done to accommodate her?
A --- If your daughter can't write, a scribe can be arranged. Other illnesses - please provide a letter detailing the situation and forward it to the School marked, Scholarships 'FAO The Registrar'. Every situation will be considered individually, and options provided accordingly. Please also login to Allwell and amend your application online - outlining illness etc.

Information Day

Q --- What is information day?
A --- Information Day is held the day before scholarship testing for parents and girls to attend an introductory talk and a school tour. This gives parents and girls a chance to familiarise themselves with the School.

Applications

Q --- How do we apply?

A ---

1. Click on <http://www.ascham.nsw.edu.au/scholarships.html>
2. Then click on "If you wish to apply for an Ascham School Scholarship, [please click here.](#)"
3. A new window will appear where you can follow the instructions to complete your application.
4. Choose the link/s for the scholarships you wish to apply for.

Q --- How much does it cost to register for Scholarship Testing?

A --- The non refundable application fee is \$95.00. All applicants are required to attend the Scholarship Testing Day at Ascham School on Saturday 27 February 2010. If you are applying for both music and other scholarships you are only required to pay a single application fee.

Q --- What is the closing date for applications?

A --- Applications close on Friday 19 February, 2010. **Late applications will not be accepted.**

Q --- We have now completed the application online. How will we know you have received our application?

A --- All applicants should receive an automated response from Allwell and the School will send a letter of acknowledgement and further information about exam day.

Q --- Can we send you the application in the mail or can we only apply via the website/online?

A --- If you have no internet access please contact the school on 02 8356 7000 for further information.

Q --- According to the criteria shown on the website my daughter is too young to sit the exam. Can she apply anyway as she is very clever and has a high IQ ?

A --- If you do not meet the standard criteria for Scholarship Testing you need to submit a request in writing to the School marked, Scholarships 'FAO The Registrar', for consideration.

Q --- We would like to apply for a scholarship, we are Australian citizens, however, we are currently living overseas. How can I apply?

A --- Ascham scholarships are available to Australian citizens or Permanent Residents only. You can apply for remote/distance testing and the test will be couriered overseas and a phone interview set up if short listed.

Q --- We would like to apply for Scholarships; however, we are not Australian residents or citizens. Our daughter, however, attends school in Australia. Is this possible?

A --- Ascham scholarships are only available to Australian citizens or Permanent Residents. The applicant's status would need to change for her to be eligible to apply, so that she is recognised as a permanent resident by the Australian government (immigration).

Q --- Will we be required to supply financial information?

A --- If your daughter is short listed for a scholarship, financial information will need to be supplied.

Q --- Are we required to supply school reports, a portfolio or other supporting material?

A --- If your daughter is short listed she will be required to supply her most recent school reports and a portfolio.

Q --- Should I **not** be a successful scholarship winner, am I eligible to make a standard application to attend the school.

A --- Yes - please contact The Registrar on 02 8356 7000 for further information.

Q --- Should I **not** be a successful scholarship winner, do I have to undergo further testing in order to make a standard application to the school?

A --- Usually, however, please contact The Registrar on 02 8356 7000 for further information.

Q --- Should I not be a successful scholarship winner for 2010, once enrolled at the school am I eligible to sit any further scholarships on offer

A --- Yes. Scholarships are open to external and internal candidates.

Other

Q --- Can we take a tour of the school prior to Information Day?

A --- School tours will only be conducted in groups on Scholarship Information Day on Friday 26 February 2010.

Q --- If we receive a music/boarding/academic scholarship what exactly is included ... eg how much will I be given 50%, 100%? Will I only receive tuition? Will the school cover uniforms, other equipment etc?

A --- Scholarships are usually tuition only in variable amounts from 25% to 100%. Scholarships rarely cover the cost of uniforms, excursions etc. Music Scholarship are usually tuition only with some music costs covered. Boarding scholarship are usually tuition only, however, there are further avenues for financial assistance such as the ICPA. Please contact the school for more information.

Q --- What are the chances of my daughter being successful?

A --- Applicants being considered vary from year to year, therefore, we cannot predict the outcome of the Scholarship Testing results.

Q --- How many applicants do you usually get overall/in my daughter's year group and how many scholarships are awarded each year?

A --- Ascham doesn't publish this information to maintain privacy of scholarship applicants and recipients.

Q --- What are the criteria the school/scholarship committee use to shortlist girls and finally award scholarships?

A --- Selection criteria is varied and will include performance in the written scholarship exam, the co-curriculum profile of the candidate and the general demeanour and attitude of the student towards school.

Exam Day

Q --- What does my daughter wear on Scholarship Testing Day?

A --- Girls may wear either school uniform or neat casual clothes.

Q --- What does my daughter need to bring on Scholarship Testing Day?

A --- Your daughter will need a blue pen, a black pen and some water in a clear bottle. Mobile phones and calculators are not permitted in the testing area.

Q --- Can you advise regarding the content and duration of the exam? How can my daughter study/prepare?

A --- Please refer to the Allwell website <http://www.allwell.com.au>

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

General Questions

Q --- May we submit in addition to our online application, performance videos or CDs, copies of concert programmes they participated in etc.?

A --- Potential scholarship candidates will be called for audition, and if any further information is required the school will let you know.

Q --- Will our daughter automatically be included in orchestra if she was awarded a scholarship?

A --- Usually, depending on the instrument.

Q --- What are the selection criteria for Music Scholarships?

A --- There are a number of selection criteria including performance in the scholarship written examination, the musical needs of the school and the co-curricular profile of the candidate. We are looking for a minimum of Grade 7 for strings and piano, and a minimum of Grade 5 for woodwind and brass instruments.

Audition

Q --- When are the music auditions?

A --- Music auditions will be held approximately 3 weeks after the scholarship exam. If your daughter is selected for audition you will be contacted by the music department. Not all candidates will be selected for audition.

Q --- How many pieces will my daughter need to prepare for the audition if short listed?

A --- Two contrasting pieces of no longer than 5 minutes per piece. If your daughter is strong in two instruments we would welcome a piece on each instrument.

Q --- Will our daughter's sight-reading be tested?

A --- Yes

Q --- Can the School provide an accompanist for her audition, and if so, will my daughter get a chance to rehearse with the accompanist prior to her audition?

A --- Yes we can provide an accompanist. If your daughter is short listed, rehearsal time and other information will be provided to you.