



A Guide for Parents: Scholarship and Financial Aid at Elmwood School

The following guide is meant to make Elmwood's scholarship and/or financial aid application process easier for you and your daughter. We appreciate that working through this process can take time, so we hope to be able to assist you step by step along the way.

The Fund

We are fortunate to be able to offer a Scholarship and Financial Aid Program to our students. Scholarships and financial aid are made possible as a result of the generosity of committed donors who are interested in ensuring Elmwood's community is enriched by talented students and supportive parents, some of whom would not be able to access the Elmwood experience without a scholarship or financial aid.

Every year, Elmwood sets aside a budget that will go towards financially supporting students in the school. The budget is determined by benchmarks as compared to other similar-in-size Canadian independent schools. Once our awards budget has been distributed for a given school year, we are not able to surpass our set allocation. Therefore it is important you meet the application deadline, should you wish to have your daughter considered for a scholarship or a financial aid.

Scholarship Awards

Scholarship awards are merit-based and will be awarded to students on a yearly basis (as per the terms of the specific scholarship). Scholarships will be available to internal and external candidates entering Grades 6, 9, and 11.

All scholarship candidates (internal and external) will need to complete a scholarship application form, and must meet the minimum criteria as outlined. In addition, internal applicants will be asked to discuss their application with a member of the scholarship committee.

External scholarship candidates will participate in an interview with members of the Scholarship Committee, spend a Taster Day at Elmwood, and write Elmwood's Fall Entrance Exam on November 26, 2011.

Elmwood offers a variety of entrance scholarships, including our prestigious Margaret White Scholarship. Our overall scholarship process allows us to determine for which scholarship your daughter best qualifies.

Note: should you wish for your daughter to be considered for the Margaret White Scholarship, you will also need to complete and submit a means-assessment application through Apple Financial Services—a third party assessor. You may access their application through our website.

Scholarship applications are due by Friday, November 18 at 4:00pm. With the exception of the Margaret White Scholarship, the majority of our scholarship awards will be awarded by December 22.

Note: Scholarship applicants may also apply to be considered for additional help through our Financial Aid Program.

Financial Aid Program

The Financial Aid Program is Elmwood's way of opening our doors to students who may not otherwise be able to access an Elmwood education. Awards are need-based and will consider the financial means of a family as recommended by a third-party assessor (Apple Financial Services).

Financial aid will be available to eligible students entering Kindergarten to Grade 12, both internal and external applicants. We recognize that sometimes families require assistance for short periods of time; thus our awards are given for a one-year period only, after which the family must re-apply for financial aid.

The Deadline for Financial Aid Applications is Friday, November 18, 2011. Families must submit their application directly to Apple Financial Services through their online application. You may link directly to their application form and information on our website.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply? Scholarships and financial aid are available to both internal and external candidates.

What is the Elmwood Entrance Exam? Currently Elmwood uses the Canadian Achievement Test to assess applications to Elmwood entering Grades 6-12. The CAT is a standardized test and assesses a student's knowledge in the areas of Reading, Language and Mathematics. Our exam also includes a written composition/essay.

Can my daughter be considered for more than one award? Students are only eligible for one scholarship award at one time. Our application process will allow us to determine which scholarship award your daughter is best suited to receive.

Can we also apply for financial aid if my daughter is applying for a scholarship? Yes. You will be required, however, to complete an application to Apple Financial Services and have your financial means assessed by this third-party agent. There is a fee of \$75.00 to be made payable to Apple Financial Services for their assessment, or can also be paid through their website.

Is there a scholarship application fee? No – However, there is a \$150 admissions application fee that is required along with your application to help cover administrative and assessment costs for the usual admissions process. Only candidates applying to the Margaret White Scholarship will have their application fee waived.

Are their additional benefits included in scholarship awards? With the exception of the Margaret White Scholarship, all scholarship awards apply only to tuition, which is applied to your final tuition instalment. Any other fees, including trips, textbooks, uniform and laptop fee are not included in the scholarship.

How long will the scholarship award last? Scholarships are awarded yearly, as per the terms of reference associated with it. Financial aid is for a one-year period only, after which a family must re-apply for eligibility.

How is my daughter's application assessed for an Elmwood Scholarship? Elmwood's Scholarship Committee will review all completed application forms. Our candidates must fulfil all criteria as noted on the scholarship application; thoroughly complete and answer all questions on the application; demonstrate high academic achievement; complete written assessments on Saturday, November 26, and be prepared to participate in a personal interview with members of the scholarship committee.

What are the values of Elmwood Scholarships?

Candidate	Name of Scholarship	Entry Grade	Number of Years	Value of Scholarship Award
Internal	Middle Years Programme Internal Scholarship	6	5	Total Value - \$7000 Applied - \$1000 in Grades 6,7,8; \$2,000 in Grades 9,10
External	Middle Years Programme Scholarship	6	5	Total Value - \$7000 Applied - \$1000 in Grades 6,7,8; \$2,000 in Grades 9,10
Internal	Senior School Scholarship	9	4	Total Value - \$8000 Applied - \$2,000 yearly for 4 years of Senior School
External	Senior School Entrance Scholarship	9	4	Total Value - \$8,000 Applied - \$2,000 yearly for 4 years of Senior School Possible additional \$1,500 for either arts, science, athletics or citizenship excellence
External	Margaret White Scholarship	9	4	Full tuition and fees for all 4 years of Senior School
Internal	Summa Summarum IB Diploma Scholarship	11	2	Total Value - \$10,000 Applied - \$4,500 yearly for Grade 11 and 12 Additional \$1,000 university scholarship for completing the Diploma with a minimum score of 38
External	IB Diploma Scholarship	11	2	Total Value - \$10,000 Applied - \$4,500 yearly for Grade 11 and 12 Additional \$1,000 university scholarship for completing the Diploma with a minimum score of 38
External	International Student Scholarship	11	2	Possible Total Value - \$9,000 Applied - \$4,500 yearly for Grades 11 and 12