



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TO ST STITHIANS GIRLS' COLLEGE – GRADE 8 2021

At St Stithians Girls' College we receive approximately 75 girls annually from our Girls' Preparatory grade 7 class. The College is a larger school and so we are able to offer places to an additional 50 girls at the grade 8 level.

BURSARY & SCHOLARSHIPS

Approximately 6 places are reserved for successful candidates from our **bursary** partnerships with organisations such as the Student Support Programme, Thandulwazi, Allan Gray Orbis Foundation, Standard Bank/Tutuwa Foundation, Galactic Unite. Candidates for these bursaries need to apply directly to the associated organisations and meet their specific criteria such as academic excellence, socio-economic and transformation.

The College itself offers 6 places for merit-based applicants based on the applicant's gifts as well as the needs of the school, in the form of **partial scholarships** for Academics, Culture and Sport.

Academic Scholarships

Applicants who are applying for the Academic scholarship should be those who are currently in the top 25% of their school as that is one of the requirements for keeping a scholarship at St Stithians.

Cultural Scholarships

Please note that the school offers Cultural Scholarships based on a combination of the following activities: Debating, Drama, Examinable Music, Non-examinable music such as Djembes & Marimbas, Choir, Visual Arts and Dance.

Sports Scholarships

Please note that the school offers the following competitive activities: Swimming, Diving, Water Polo, Rowing, Tennis, Squash, Hockey, Netball, Soccer & Cross Country. Mountain Biking is our newest sport on offer.

The remaining places are offered to those on the waiting list in accordance with the College's admissions policy available on our website.

In order to be eligible for one of our **scholarships** we require our candidates to have completed the following:

- a) Attend the Girls' College Open Day (Saturday 15 February 2020 – starts at 08:30 with registration and ends at 11:00).

This is a wonderful opportunity to engage with our students on a tour through the school highlighting the many areas, organisations and opportunities on offer such as Academics, Leadership, Sport, Culture, Round Square and Community Engagement, Spiritual and other student led initiatives. Please note that if you attended our Open Day in your grade 6 year you do not need to attend again as we kept records of all our attendees. We hold meetings for parents with the Head of the school during the students' grade 6 year.



- b) All candidates applying for the Academic Scholarship are required to write the annual scholarship examination which consists of 2 papers covering mathematical and English assessments. The examination is set for **Tuesday 25 February 2020** and will be 2 ½ hours in duration which includes a short break with refreshments between the two papers. Pre-registration is required **before Friday 21 February at 12:00**. A payment of R100 is due on the day for any candidates who have not already paid their application fee.

Please bring your Grade 6 End of Year report if you have not already submitted it with your application.

Students currently attending St Stithians Girls' Preparatory are NOT required to submit their report nor pay to write the assessment.

THE PROCESS:

All applicants' applications are scrutinised by a panel of staff consisting of the Deputy Head, Director of Sport, Director of Culture and the Director of Transformation.

Girls who are short-listed for the Cultural scholarships are invited to attend an audition with the Cultural department. Details of these dates and arrangements are discussed with the candidates individually.

All successful shortlisted candidates are required to submit further documentation and will be interviewed in small groups with the Head of the School, Deputy Head and either the Director of Sport, Culture, Academics or Transformation.

The top 10 girls in the Academic scholarship examination are invited to the short-listed candidate interviews.

Winners of the scholarships are announced on **27 March 2020** as agreed to by the Girls' Schools in the Johannesburg region. The successful candidates usually have a week to agree to the terms and conditions and are also not expected to pay the entrance fee required for admission. Once the list has been finalised, the feeder schools are sent letters of congratulations. Unfortunately, due to the schools' agreement this is a delayed process and we are only permitted to announce the award on the same day as the other participating schools.

Please note that if you have not been contacted for an interview it means that your application was unsuccessful.