



## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TO ST STITHIANS GIRLS' COLLEGE – GRADE 8 2024

At St Stithians Girls' College, we receive approximately 75 students each year from our Girls' Preparatory Grade 7 class. The College is a larger school, so we are able to offer places to an additional 37 students at the Grade 8 level.

### BURSARIES & SCHOLARSHIPS

#### *External Bursaries Through Corporate Partnerships*

Approximately six of the available places are reserved for successful candidates from our **bursary partnerships** with the following organisations: Student Support Programme (SSP), Thandulwazi, Allan Gray Orbis Foundation and Standard Bank/Tutuwa Foundation. Candidates for these bursaries need to apply directly to the relevant organisations and meet their specific criteria, such as academic excellence, socio-economic and transformation considerations.

#### *Internal Girls' College Scholarships*

The Girls' College offers a further six places to merit-based applicants based on their gifts, as well as the needs of the school, in the form of **partial scholarships (50%)** 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 academically, 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 and visual arts.

#### *Sports Scholarships*

Please note that the school offers scholarships based on the following competitive activities: swimming, diving, water polo, rowing, tennis, squash, hockey, netball, soccer, cross country, mountain biking. Basketball is our newest sport on offer.

The remaining non-scholarship places are offered to those on the waiting list in accordance with the College's [Admissions Policy](#), available on our website.



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In order to be eligible for one of our **internal Girls' College scholarships**, we require the following of our candidates:

a) **Attend the GC Experience (Saturday, 4 February, 2023)**

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.

*Should we reach our capacity for the February event, an additional GC Experience will be held on Saturday, 11 March 2023, strictly by special arrangement/appointment/invitation.*

b) All candidates applying for the Academic Scholarship are required to **write the annual scholarship examination**, which consists of two papers, covering mathematics and English assessments. The examination is set for **Tuesday, 14 February 2023**. It will be 2½ hours in duration, which includes a short break with refreshments between the two papers. Pre-registration is required **before Monday, 30 January 2023, at 12:00**. The application form is available on the College's website.

A payment of R100 is due on the day for any candidates who have not already paid their application fee. Please note that we are limited to 50 students in a venue at a time for the scholarship examination.

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 OR pay to write the assessment.**

#### THE GIRLS' COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS:

All applications are assessed by a panel of staff including the Deputy Heads, Director of Sport, Director of Culture and the Director of Transformation. Students who are shortlisted for the Cultural scholarships are invited to attend an audition before the Cultural department. Students who are shortlisted for the Sports Scholarship will be required to attend sports trials which will be arranged by the Sports department. Part of the application process for sports candidates also involves submitting the details of the sports coach as well as a short testimonial from the coach/es. Details of these auditions, trials and interview dates as well as all other 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, the Deputy Heads and either the Director of Sport, Culture, Academics or Transformation. The top 10 students in the academic scholarship examination are invited to the short-listed candidate interviews.

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Recipients of the scholarships will be announced on **Friday, 17 March 2023**, as agreed upon 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 as mentioned above.

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

The scholarship process will open on Wednesday, 11 January 2023. All information can be found on the College's website ([www.stithian.com](http://www.stithian.com)) under [Admissions](#). Please ensure that you complete the applications for the Girls' College and fill in the Google Forms as required.

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