

Hamilton College



Governors' Bursaries: 2010 - 2011

Information for Parents

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Bursary Scheme

The Board of Governors is committed to offering financial assistance to families through a Bursary Scheme which will allow pupils with potential to experience the distinctive, caring Christian ethos of the College. The bursary will be in the form of an agreed fee concession to successful applicants.

The Bursary Scheme is based on principles of fairness, openness and confidentiality.

Who is eligible?

The Scheme provides a number of bursaries to eligible pupils passing the entrance test and offered a place in J4 to S6, irrespective of whether the pupil has attended Hamilton College Junior School or another primary school.

How do you apply?

Parents will be asked to complete, in confidence, an application form, provide documentary evidence about earnings, and sign a declaration about their financial circumstances. In the interests of fairness, there is an earnings limit above which applications cannot be considered.

Application forms are available from November of the year preceding entry.

What happens next?

A Bursary Group nominated by the governing body will consider all applications regarding the information provided. If there are more applications than the number of bursaries available, these will be prioritised. The Bursary Group will make their recommendations to the Board, which has the final decision.

Parents will receive a letter informing them of the outcome.

Conditions

The continuation of a bursary beyond the initial award will be dependent upon the Principal's endorsement of the pupil's progress, attendance and good conduct in Hamilton College.

Duration of an award

A bursary is normally awarded for the duration of the child's education, subject to the above conditions. Parents must however advise the school of any substantive change in their financial circumstances. Evidence of earnings may be required from time to time.

Confidentiality

The system aims to assure applicants of confidentiality. All applications and financial information will be handled discreetly. Teaching staff have no access to information about which pupils receive financial support or fee concessions.

Are any other bursaries available?

Existing concessions will continue:

1. Sibling concessions for second or subsequent children.

Second child	-10%
Third child	-20%
Fourth child	-40%
2. Concessions for children of full-time Christian workers

All	-25%; plus sibling concessions where applicable
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NB The Board will request documentary evidence confirming the parent's status as a full-time Christian worker.

Timescale for 2010-2011 Applications

November 2009 onwards Financial criteria and Application Forms for bursaries for August 2010 are available from the Resource Manager and can also be downloaded from our website, www.hamiltoncollege.co.uk

January 2010 Completed applications to be returned to the Resource Manager on or before the Entrance Tests on 23rd January 2010.

February 2010 Offers of a place at Hamilton College and the outcome of Bursary Application will be notified to the applicant on Thursday 11th February 2010. Acceptance by applicant of the place and the bursary is required as soon as possible but no later than Thursday 25th February 2010.

Applications submitted outwith this time scale will be considered at the Governors' decision.

A new application is required for each session.

Forms for 2011-2012 will be available from November 2010, and the process will follow a cycle similar to the above.

Completed Application Forms should be returned to:

Resource Manager,
Hamilton College,
Bothwell Road,
Hamilton ML3 0AY

A brief letter to the Chair of the Bursary Group indicating the reasons for the application should accompany the documentation.