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1. VISION STATEMENT

We strive to create a school that truly equips young people for their engagement with the world and the challenges of this century, by fostering an attitude of learning with purpose and joy

2. VALUES

Our core values include Truth, Courage, Moral and Ethical Responsibility and Growth.

3. RATIONALE

Sophia Mundi Steiner School offers a range of scholarships to celebrate aspiration and achievement, and to foster access and diversity. Our scholarships seek to recognise the capabilities of talented students and are specifically aimed at widening access to the exceptional education provided by Sophia Mundi Steiner school and the International Baccalaureate diploma program.

This Scholarship program supersedes previous SMSS scholarship programs. Students enrolled at SMSS under earlier scholarship programs retain the terms and conditions of that program.

4. ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS – YEARS 10 & 11 ENTRY

Annual Scholarships applications are available to any student entering Year 10 and 11 in the following year. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of student merit as measured by a third-party test, an interview, community and cultural involvement and past school reports.

We offer:

- Academic Scholarships (75% or 50% of tuition fees). All other costs are not covered by scholarship.
- Music Scholarships - All applicants must first register for an Academic Scholarship and then applicants register for a Music Scholarships (100% of tuition fees). All other costs are not covered by scholarship.

Any student is invited to apply for these scholarships whether they are already enrolled at the School or new students.

5. ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS – YEARS 7 TO 9 ENTRY

Annual Scholarships applications are available to any student entering Year 7, 8 or 9 in the following year. The number of available scholarships is determined by the Board of Directors.

Any student is invited to apply for a scholarship whether they are already enrolled at the School or new students. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of student merit as measured by an aptitude test, an interview, community and cultural involvement and past school reports indicating academic and behavioural standards.

6. SCHOLARSHIP SPECIFICATIONS

- Scholarships come in the form of remission of tuition fees.
- The value of each Scholarship may vary.
- The school reserves the right to withhold a Scholarship if there are no candidates of sufficient merit.
- There are limited scholarship placements available.

The year level, selection procedures and timings for Scholarships varies, as does the level of support provided. Applications for scholarships can be made at any time during term the year prior to entry.

The Enrolment officer is the first contact for information about this Scholarship program
RECEPTION: 03 9419 9229
EMAIL: enrolments@sophiamundi.vic.edu.au

7. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested students/families request a Scholarship application form in the year prior entering the school. Students are sent an application form (Appendix A) which must be completed by the designated date. Applications received after the submission date will not be considered.

Depending on the scholarship, the school may also ask for supporting documents or other information. Please note, in addition to the application and enrolment fees an additional non-refundable fee of $140 is payable with the scholarship application. This is applicable for internal and external applicants. UNPAID applicants will not be considered for a scholarship.

7.1 Shortlisting

Applications are reviewed by the school and applicants shortlisted. Applicants taking a scholarship test at Sophia Mundi before entering Year 10 will sit it in Year 9; and students entering Year 11 sit it in Year 10 and so on. All applicants must sit the scholarship test on specific dates selected by the school.

For families located regionally, interstate or overseas, alternative arrangements may be organised. Contact the enrolments officer for further information.

Please note, the school does not disclose the scholarship testing results and the results remain the property of the school.

7.2 Interview and Offer

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an interview with the Principal and/or their delegates. Successful applicants are notified soon after the interview.

Music scholarship applicants are invited to a music performance audition. Applicants must perform two contrasting pieces. Non-pianists must perform at least one piece with piano accompaniment. Candidates will be asked to take sight reading and aural tests, and technical work may be requested.

7.3 Acceptance of Offer

To secure a scholarship, families must submit formal enrolment documentation and pay an enrolment fee within 7 school days of receipt of the scholarship offer. All applications are to be sent to the enrolments officer enrolments@sophiamundi.vic.edu.au should you have any questions.

Applications close after the final test date for each year. Late applications will not be accepted. Scholarship places are limited as there are multiple application dates and places may be filled before the final advertised date.

8. TEST INFORMATION

Our staff aim to provide a testing day that offers students a supportive and inclusive experience. Our focus is on cultivating a positive atmosphere to minimize stress and enhance the performance of all participants.

Tests are designed to objectively measure skills and attributes that relate to academic performance. The tests require students to demonstrate a range of skills such as the ability to interpret, infer, deduce and think critically. They are not curriculum based and do not test the ability to retrieve learned knowledge.

Students are assessed in:

- Written expression 1
- Humanities - Comprehension and interpretation
- Mathematics and Science
- Written expression 2

Each task is around 30-45 minutes duration.

Link to ACER information – Parents - Scholarships - ACER

These tasks measure how a student performs in relation to the cohort sitting the exam. Students and parents need to be aware that these tests may be demanding and that not all students will complete each test within the time allowed. It is important students do not spend too much time on questions they find too difficult.

Test are conducted under exam conditions. No papers or books are permitted. Apple or smartwatches / phones / fit bits or any other devices are not permitted in the test room. Students are required to bring pens and pencils, and a transparent water bottle.

8.1 Who Decides the Awarding and Duration of Scholarships?

The school is the sole decision maker. A student's academic ability is one of multiple factors taken into account. Once awarded, the scholarship benefit is typically provided to the recipient until the end of Year 12 subject to annual review conditions. Scholarships are subject to an annual formal review to check on progress, performance, and attitude of the recipient.

The review criteria include:

- A minimum of 90% attendance
- Internal assessments maintain a 5-point average with no grade lower than 4 in any one subject.
- No suspensions or behaviour action plans recorded during the school year.
- Music scholarship recipients must participate in all music concert events.
- Expectation of being a good role model for other students - such as being a conscientious learner, handing in all required work by the due date, maintaining a positive attitude about studying at Sophia Mundi, proactively supporting school events and open days / tours and encouraging student participation in school events.

8.2 ACER: Testing Dates

Internal testing takes place at SMSS prospective date are early term 2, early term 3, early term 4. Other testing dates may be available at the principal's discretion.

Note: the school reserves the right to use external testing in place of or in addition to internal testing without notice.

Maximum Number of scholarships each year:

- 2 x 100% Music and academic scholarships
- 2 x 75% scholarships
- 2 x 50% scholarships

It should be noted; scholarships are awarded on merit. If applicants are deemed not to meet awarding standards, then some or none of the scholarship places will be awarded that year. Additionally, holders of Scholarships can normally expect the Scholarship to continue until the end of Class 12 (or whatever other period for which the Scholarships have initially been offered).

8.3 Music Scholarships

Music scholarships may be awarded to students entering Year 10 and 11 who demonstrate excellence in music knowledge and musical performance. Music scholarship applicants are required to sit the scholarship test. Shortlisted students are invited to audition at Sophia Mundi.

At the audition, applicants must perform two contrasting pieces. Candidates will be asked to take sight reading and aural tests, and technical work may be requested. Non-pianists must perform at least one piece with piano accompaniment. If piano accompaniment is required for the audition pieces, families are required to arrange external piano accompanists.

Minimum AMEB level (or equivalent) at the time of application is Grade 6 AMEB for instrumental/vocal performance and Grade 4 music theory.

8.4 Medical Conditions and Taking Medications During the Examination

All staff at the test are trained in first aid or the administration of life-saving medication such as EpiPens, Anapens, asthma inhalers or diabetes devices, so parents must disclose information about medical conditions and medication to the school well before the examination.

Parents may be required to wait near the test venue/s during the examination to administer medication if necessary.

9. TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship may be cancelled if:

- the recipient's behaviour and/or progress is considered to be unsatisfactory.
- the recipient is suspended or excluded from School.
- Failure to pay fees during the life of the scholarship.
- Failure to pay enrolment, or scholarship testing fees before the awarding of the scholarship.
- the student leaves the School.

10. APPENDIX A: Scholarship Application

Application date: _____ Year to start: _____

STUDENT DETAILS

Student Surname: _____ Student Given Name: _____

Student Date of Birth: _____ Male Female Other

Is the Student an Australian Citizen? Yes No

Name of Current School: _____

How long has the student been attending current school? _____

Name of previous school (if applicable) _____

Which year level are you applying for entry? Year 10 Year 11

FAMILY INFORMATION

Parent Guardian 1 Mrs / Mr / Ms / Miss / Dr (please circle)

Full name: _____

Street Address: _____

Suburb/City: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Does the student live with this parent/guardian? Yes / No

Parent Guardian 2 Mrs / Mr / Ms / Miss / Dr (please circle)

Full name: _____

Street Address: _____

Suburb/City: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Does the student live with this parent/guardian? Yes / No

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Please list all subjects and final grade:

_____

_____

_____

Relevant Courses or Academic Achievements:

Extracurricular Activities:

REFERENCES

Please provide the names and contact information of two reference who can speak to your academic achievements, character and potential.

Reference 1

Name:

Relationship:

Email:

Phone Number:

Reference 2

Name:

Relationship:

Email:

Phone Number:

STUDENT STATEMENTS

List any relevant academic achievements to support your application (e.g. awards, certificates, results, etc.)

List any community leadership achievements or involvement (ie: fundraising, SRC, festivals or open days):

List any cultural achievements or involvement (i.e. music, dancing, drama, art, painting etc.):

Why Sophia Mundi Steiner School?
Please explain why you have chosen to apply for a scholarship with us (why would you like to be a student at Sophia Mundi)?

Please submit a relevant portfolio of work, copies of awards, certificates or results with this application.
If applying for a Music Scholarship you will be asked to present a short piece at the Scholarship Interview.

FAMILY SIGNATURES

We acknowledge that the information provided in this form is true and correct and will be used to assist Sophia Mundi Steiner School to assess this application for the Scholarship Program. We have read and agree to the terms as outlined in Scholarship Conditions.

Student name: _____

Signature (Student): _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian 1 name: _____

Signature (Parent/Guardian 1): _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian 2 name: _____

Signature (Parent/Guardian 2): _____ Date: _____

As outlined in the scholarship conditions, copies of the applicants **two** most recent school reports must accompany this application, along with a completed Enrolment Form and a non-refundable registration fee of **$100**.

Bank Details: SOPHIA MUNDI LTD **Bank:** National Australia Bank

BSB: 083 155 **Account Number:** 577734025

OFFICE USE ONLY

Fee of $ Received per Receipt no. _____ Date: _____

Interviews Completed:

11. Sophia Mundi Steiner School Academic/Music Scholarship Conditions

1. Eligibility

Sophia Mundi is coeducational and non-denominational Steiner School at all levels from Prep to Year 12 with International Baccalaureate Diploma Program in Years 11 and Year 12.

All scholarships are awarded on the basis of Academic/Musical Merit and are open to Australian Citizens and Permanent Residents for **new student placements only**.

2. Scholarship entitlements

Academic/Music Scholarships provide students with remission from Years 10 to 12. The value of each Scholarship may vary. The School reserves the right to withhold a Scholarship if there are no candidates of sufficient merit. There are limited scholarship placements available.

Additional fees (Confirmation, Camp, Music, Sundries, Contributed Services and Building Fund) are not covered by the Scholarship.

3. Cancellation of Scholarships

A scholarship may be cancelled if:

- the recipient's behaviour and/or progress is considered to be unsatisfactory.
- the recipient is suspended or excluded from School.
- Failure to pay fees during the life of teh scholarship
- Failure to pay enrolment, or scholarship testing fees before the awarding of the scholarship.
- the student leaves the School.

4. Application for Scholarship

Applicants must apply using our Scholarship Form. Copies of the applicants **two** most recent school reports and a non-refundable application fee of $100 (inc. GST) are required as part of the application.

5. Application Closing Date

Scholarship applications will be accepted until close of business on **30th November.**

6. Notification of Applicants Outcome

Successful applicants will be invited to attend a Scholarship Interview with the Principal. All applicants will receive notification as to the outcome of their application.