

# Scholarships for entry into 2026 – Frequently asked questions

### When is the Scholarship test?

Saturday 16 November 2024.

#### When do scholarships open and close?

Scholarships open on Monday 2 September.

Boarding scholarships applications close on Friday 25 October at 5pm.

All other scholarship applications close on Friday 8 November at 5pm.

#### What types of scholarships do you offer?

We are pleased to be offer a range of scholarships for new and current students for entry into 2026. Broadly the categories are Academic, Music, Boarding, Special Interest (Visual Arts). Please visit <a href="https://www.tgc.vic.edu.au/enrol/scholarships">https://www.tgc.vic.edu.au/enrol/scholarships</a> to ascertain which scholarships you are eligible for.

# How much is a scholarship worth?

Amounts offered vary. Some scholarships have advertised values and others are at the discretion of the Principal. The most common value of a scholarship is 50% of tuition fees from the entry year until Year 12.

#### What does financial need mean?

One of the aims of our scholarship program is to provide students who would otherwise be unable to attend the College the opportunity to do so. If you feel that your family needs assistance to send your child to the College, then we encourage you to apply. All applications will be confidential and take into consideration the broader financial needs of the family.

# Who can apply?

There are scholarships available for both new students and current students of the College. Please take note of the information on the website as to which scholarships are available for current students.

# Do I need to be registered for enrolment to apply or am I guaranteed a place if I receive a scholarship?

All offers made include a place. Students who are registered for enrolment, and those who aren't are encouraged to apply.

#### What is the application process?

To apply for a scholarship, you should visit <a href="https://www.tgc.vic.edu.au/enrol/scholarships">https://www.tgc.vic.edu.au/enrol/scholarships</a> and review the information and available scholarships for new and current students. Once you decide which type of scholarship or scholarships would be best suited follow the directions on how to apply via Edutest (Academic, Music and Special Interest) or Direct to the College (Boarding and Special interest). Please note new students applying for the Howard Hitchcock Visual Arts Scholarship need to apply via Edutest.

#### I want to apply for more than one type of scholarship.

You are encouraged to apply for multiple scholarships. If you are applying through Edutest (Academic, Music and Special Interest) you only need to complete one application and indicate within the form which scholarships you would like to be considered for. All Edutest applicants will be considered for academic scholarships.

If you are applying for a Boarding Scholarship, if you are shortlisted, you will compete the scholarship test and be considered for an academic scholarship and boarding if appropriate. If you are not shortlisted, you will be informed in time so that you can apply for other scholarships.

# What will I need to complete my application?

For Edutest applications (Academic, Music, Special Interest) you will need a credit card and the following supporting documentation to compete your application.

- your child's birth certificate
- a copy of the student's most recent end of semester report
- a copy of the student's most recent NAPLAN
- a copy of both parents' most recent tax returns.

For Howard Hitchcock Visual Arts applications, you will need:

- a folio of no more than 10 works in a PDF format
- a 500-word essay (see criteria for topic)
- a short statement about the student's future intentions in relations to Design and Creative Arts. The statement and essay should be in one PDF.

For Boarding applications you will need:

- A summary of your child's achievements
- A written statement from the child as to why they wish to attend The Geelong College
- A written statement from the child as to what unique qualities and strengths they will bring to the boarding house
- a copy of the student's most recent end of semester report
- a copy of the student's most recent NAPLAN
- a copy of both parents' most recent tax returns.

#### **How should I prepare for the test?**

These tests cover Verbal Reasoning, Numerical Reasoning, Reading Comprehension, Mathematics and a Written Expression component. The best way to prepare is to do a practice test from Edutest. You can purchase these here: <a href="https://www.edutest.com.au/pa-online.htm">https://www.edutest.com.au/pa-online.htm</a>.

# If I am applying for a Music Scholarship when will my audition be?

Your audition will be scheduled during the week commencing 18 November 2024, after the scholarship exam.

#### What do I need to prepare for the audition?

• Perform two contrasting pieces or movements on their principal instrument and perform one piece on their second instrument (if applicable).

During the audition applicants will also complete:

- a sight-reading test and aural test. Aural tests will involve rhythm, pitch and harmony.
- a short test to ascertain the level of music theory knowledge.

#### When will I find out?

For all scholarships, offers will be made in mid-February. There are different processes for each type of scholarship, as outlined below:

#### Boarding:

Date	Action
Friday 25 October	Applications close
Friday 8 November	Shortlisted applicants informed
Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 November	Interviews
Saturday 16 November	Scholarship test
December 2024	Offers sent to successful students

#### Academic:

Date	Action
Friday 8 November	Applications close
Saturday 16 November	Scholarship test
Week commencing 3 February 2025	Shortlisted applicants informed and
	interviewed
By the end of February 2025	Offers sent to successful students and
	unsuccessful students informed

#### Music:

Date	Action
Friday 10 November	Applications close
Saturday 16 November	Scholarship test
Week commencing 18 November	Auditions held

Week commencing 3 February 2025	Shortlisted applicants informed and
	interviewed
By the end of February 2025	Offers sent to successful students and
	unsuccessful students informed

# Howard Hitchcock Visual Arts:

Date	Action
Friday 8 November	Applications close
Saturday 16 November	Scholarship test (new students only)
Week commencing 3 February 2025	Shortlisted applicants informed and
	interviewed
By the end of February 2025	Offers sent to successful students