



A Guide for Parents: Scholarship and Financial Aid at Elmwood School

The following guide is meant to make Elmwood's scholarship and/or financial aid application process easier for you and your daughter. We appreciate that working through this process can take time, so we hope to be able to assist you step-by-step along the way.

The Fund

We are fortunate to be able to offer a Scholarship and Financial Aid Program to our students. Scholarships and financial aid are made possible as a result of the generosity of committed donors who are interested in ensuring Elmwood's community is enriched by talented students and supportive parents, some of whom would not be able to access the Elmwood experience without a scholarship or financial aid.

Every year, Elmwood sets aside a budget that will go towards financially supporting students in the school. The budget is determined by benchmarks as compared to other similar-in-size Canadian independent schools. Once our awards budget has been distributed for a given school year, we are not able to surpass our set allocation. Therefore it is important you meet the application deadline, should you wish to have your daughter considered for a scholarship or a financial aid.

Scholarship Awards

Scholarship awards are merit-based and will be awarded to students on a yearly basis (as per the terms of the specific scholarship). Scholarships will be available to internal and external candidates entering Grades 6, 9, and 11. For students already attending Elmwood School, please speak with Mr. James Whitehouse (MS/SS) or Mrs. Christine Blackadar (JS) for internal scholarship information.

All scholarship candidates will need to complete a scholarship application form, and must meet the minimum criteria as outlined. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure all parts of the application are submitted. In addition, applicants will participate in an interview and write Elmwood's Entrance Exam.

Elmwood offers a variety of entrance scholarships. Our overall scholarship process allows us to determine for which scholarship your daughter best qualifies. Should you wish for your daughter to be considered for a needs-based scholarship, or financial aid, you will also need to complete and submit a means-assessment application through Apple Financial Services—a third party assessor. You may access their application through our website.

Financial Aid Program

The Financial Aid Program is Elmwood's way of opening our doors to students who may not otherwise be able to access an Elmwood education. Elmwood School offers limited financial aid, to a maximum of 50% of tuition. Awards are need-based and will consider the financial means of a family as recommended by a third-party assessor (Apple Financial Services).

Financial aid is available to eligible students entering Grade 6 to Grade 12. We recognize that sometimes families require assistance for short periods of time; thus our awards are given for a one-year period only, therefore families must re-apply yearly for financial aid.

Families must submit their application directly to Apple Financial Services through their online application. You may link directly to their application form and information on our website.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply? Entrance scholarships are available to new students entering Grades 6, 9 and 11 and who fulfil the scholarship criteria. Financial aid is available to students entering Grades 6 through 12.

What is the Elmwood Entrance Exam? Currently Elmwood uses the Canadian Achievement Test and/or Map Testing to assess applications to Elmwood entering Grades 6-12. We assess a student's knowledge in the areas of Reading, Language and Mathematics. Our exam also includes a written composition/essay.

Can my daughter be considered for more than one award? Students are only eligible for one scholarship award at a time. Our application process will allow us to determine which scholarship award your daughter is best suited to receive.

Can we also apply for financial aid if my daughter is applying for a scholarship? Yes. You will be required to complete an application to Apple Financial Services and have your financial means assessed by this third-party agent.

Are there additional benefits included in scholarship awards? All scholarship awards apply only to tuition, which is applied to your final tuition instalment. Any other fees, including trips, textbooks, uniform and iPad/laptop fees are not included in the scholarship.

How long will the scholarship award last? Scholarships are awarded yearly, as per the terms of reference associated with it. Financial aid is for a one-year period only, after which a family must re-apply for eligibility.

How is my daughter's application assessed for an Elmwood Scholarship? Elmwood's Scholarship Committee will review all completed application forms. Our candidates must fulfil all criteria as noted on the scholarship application; thoroughly complete and answer all questions on the application; demonstrate high academic achievement; complete the Entrance Exam, and be prepared to participate in a personal interview with members of the scholarship committee.