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Scholarship FAQs for New Students

- **When should I apply for a scholarship?**

You can submit your scholarship application at any time up to 11:59pm on 20 January 2021. If you cannot meet this deadline, please contact the Registrar at stmarks@stmarkscollege.com.au to discuss your situation.

- **When will I know the outcome of my scholarship application?**

We aim to notify all applicants of the outcome of their application in early February.

- **How much are scholarships for new students worth?**

This varies by award, ranging from \$500 to \$7,000 per academic year for new students. In 2020 new students who were awarded a scholarship received an average amount of \$2,800, with over 40% of new students receiving support.

- **Do I need to apply for residence at St Mark's College before submitting my application?**

You should submit your application for residence at St Mark's before submitting your scholarship application. If for any reason you cannot complete your application for residence before the scholarship deadline on 20 January 2021, please contact the Registrar at stmarks@stmarkscollege.com.au to discuss your situation. You need to receive and accept an offer to attend St Mark's to receive a scholarship.

For more information about applying for residence at St Mark's, go to <https://www.stmarkscollege.com.au/apply/application-process/>

- **I am ready to submit my scholarship application now, but I won't receive my ATAR until January. When should I submit my application?**

You must submit proof of your ATAR, GPA or equivalent to be considered for a scholarship. If you are currently completing year 12, this means you may not know your ATAR until December or January. You can submit the rest of your scholarship application prior to this, but we must receive your ATAR by 20 January 2021 to fairly assess your scholarship application. If you intend to submit your ATAR separately from the rest of your application, please advise the Registrar when you submit your scholarship application.

- **What documentation do I need to submit as proof of my ATAR?**

Your Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is supplied by your state tertiary admissions board (e.g. SATAC, VTAC, UAC, TASC, TISC, QTAC), typically via a letter when you apply for university or via their online portal. If you do not have this documentation, please contact SATAC in the first instance, and if you have further issues contact the Registrar at stmarks@stmarkscollege.com.au, who will help you work out what to do.

- **I am an international student and do not have an ATAR. What information do you need from me?**

If you do not have an ATAR, please submit an English-language copy of your secondary school diploma, including a transcript of your results, and transcripts from any university-level study you have already undertaken.

- **What happens to my scholarship if I defer my place at St Mark's College?**

Unfortunately, St Mark's College scholarships cannot be deferred. If you decide to defer your place at St Mark's you will need to re-apply for a scholarship in the relevant scholarship round when you commence at College.

- **How will I receive my scholarship?**

Unless otherwise specified, scholarships are awarded as a weekly discount on your College fees. For example, if you receive a scholarship of \$2,000, this will be provided as a \$50 per week discount off your fees for the duration of your 40-week contract for that academic year. If for any reason you needed to withdraw from College, your scholarship would be adjusted on a pro-rata basis.

- **I am a postgraduate student. Can I apply for a scholarship?**

Postgraduate students are encouraged to apply for both residence at St Mark's College and scholarships. You can apply for a scholarship using the standard New Student Scholarship Form. Postgraduate students are required to provide their university transcripts for all studies as well as their ATAR or equivalent.

- **I want to apply for a scholarship, but I have missed the deadline. Is it too late?**

If you missed the deadline for the 2021 scholarship round, please contact the Registrar at stmarks@stmarkscollege.com.au to discuss your circumstances. In some circumstances, we may be able to provide financial assistance outside the main scholarship round.

- **I am applying for mid-year entry. Can I apply for a scholarship?**

Mid-year entry applicants are welcome to apply for scholarships during the main scholarship round. We may also be able to accept applications for financial assistance at the time of your application for mid-year entry. Please speak to the Registrar for further information.

- **Scholarship recipients are expected to undertake community service. What does this involve?**

In keeping with our core values, St Mark's College seeks to "encourage a willingness to serve others and to give back to the community in a spirit of thankfulness" among all our students. As such, all scholarship recipients are expected to contribute time in service to the College and the broader community, in recognition of the support they receive.

This may include volunteering with the student Charitable Foundation, assisting at College events, helping around the College, offering your time in service to local organisations, and volunteering in your home community. Such activities are personally rewarding and will enrich your education and improve your career prospects, while also being valuable to society.

While no set amount of service is required, it is anticipated that students would comfortably undertake at least one to two hours of service a week, over the course of the year. It is expected that students will be proactive in seeking ways to offer service.

- **How do I contact the provider of my scholarship to say thank you?**

Scholarship recipients are asked to write a letter of thanks to the provider of their scholarship, articulating the impact their support has had. The St Mark's scholarship program is funded through the philanthropy and spirit of giving of our community, and our donors value hearing from the students they support. After you arrive at College, you will be provided with information about how to prepare and deliver this letter.

- **How have previous scholarship recipients given back in gratitude for the opportunity created for them by their scholarship/s?**

Scholarship recipients are encouraged to find ways to give back in gratitude for the opportunities that have been provided to them. For most, this begins while they are a student and young professional, with many volunteering their time in service to the College and to the community. As life progresses, many will offer their time, expertise and resources in service to others and in support of philanthropic causes.

Increasing numbers of scholarships and prizes have been made possible through the generosity of previous scholarship winners who have been deeply grateful for the opportunity that scholarship support has given them, and are committed to handing on those opportunities to future generations of students. We hope that all scholarship recipients, being grateful, will in time do their best to support those who come after them.

- **Can I apply for a scholarship from St Mark's College if I am already receiving a scholarship or funding from somewhere else?**

We strongly encourage you to apply for all scholarships for which you are eligible, including those offered by your university and other providers. If you are applying for a scholarship from St Mark's on the basis of financial need, we ask that you detail any other financial support that you are receiving, to ensure that we can make a fair assessment of your situation.

Recipients of the CAS Hawker Scholarship would not normally receive a concurrent scholarship from St Mark's, as the Hawker Scholarship typically covers the recipient's full College fees. You will typically hear the outcome of your CAS Hawker Scholarship application before St Mark's College scholarships are announced.