



ROSEMONT

## STUDENT BURSARY PROGRAMME POLICY

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Rosemont School is a secondary school for girls, situated in Sandyford. Established by parents, the school works in partnership with families to teach ownership of learning and goal setting to maximise each student's potential. Rosemont, an academically challenging school, is built on a solid sense of values and a commitment to the service of others together with a deep understanding of the Catholic faith. For more information on Rosemont school see [www.rosemont.ie](http://www.rosemont.ie).

Key to the ethos of Rosemont is to facilitate equal opportunity of access to education and diversity. This independently funded programme established by the Trustees is aimed at students who will benefit from the opportunities that Rosemont provides and who will contribute strongly to the life of the school.

The Trustees have developed a Student Bursary Programme which offers Bursaries to support those families who are not in a position to pay full fees. Candidates must show an accepted level of academic ability to ensure that they would benefit from a Rosemont education.

Bursaries may cover the full or partial cost of fees at the school. A maximum of 10% of places per Year Group (or across the school) will be reserved for recipients of bursaries, subject to funding availability. They may be discontinued should the financial circumstances of the family improve. Bursaries will be renewed each year provided that the Principal is satisfied with the student's progress and conduct in line with the Code of Behaviour. Holders of the Student Bursary Programme are expected to assess their own contributions and to set targets for themselves in line with the school coaching program.

**Bursaries may be applied for by parents/guardians of:**

- **girls starting first year in September 2023**
- **girls accepted to start school upstream, on a limited basis and by way of exception**
- **girls currently in Rosemont, on a limited basis and by way of exception, where the family's financial circumstances have changed markedly, to the extent that their ability to pay full fees is compromised**

The parents/guardians of students being sponsored are expected to make a commitment to participate fully in the school community.

The Student Bursary Committee, which is set up by the Board of Trustees and is independent of the School will assess the applications. All required documents must be submitted for an application to be considered.

Application Forms may be found on the school website <https://rosemont.ie/school-policies/>, or please contact the Secretary, Rosemont School, Enniskerry Road, Sandyford, Dublin 18. Tel 01-2078007 or email [info@rosemont.ie](mailto:info@rosemont.ie)

**In the case of girls starting 1<sup>st</sup> year in Rosemont in September 2023, the closing date for applications is 1st November 2022**



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### **Student Bursary Programme Procedure**

In seeking to encourage equal opportunity of access to education and promote diversity, the school has a Student Bursary Programme. This programme is funded with donations and fundraising.

Bursaries may cover the full or partial cost of fees at the school. The Student Bursary Programme is subject to the terms and conditions outlined below.

#### **The following terms and conditions will apply to the Student Bursary Programme:**

1. The bursaries will be awarded to students who could not otherwise afford to study at Rosemont School for the duration of secondary school studies, subject to conditions set out hereunder. A maximum of 10% of places per Year Group (or across the school) will be reserved for recipients of bursaries, subject to funding availability.
2. Applicants are encouraged to review the values and philosophy of Rosemont School before making an application. While the underlying ethos of the school is Catholic, awards may be made to students of other faiths.
3. The parents/guardians of those seeking the Student Bursary Programme are also expected to make a commitment to fully participate in the school community throughout the duration of the award.
4. Student Bursary Programme holders are expected to perform in accord with their academic ability, and to uphold the code of conduct of the school.
5. A parent/guardian wishing to apply on their daughter's behalf must complete the Student Bursary Programme Application Form which is available on request from the School Secretary.
6. The Application Form should be together with the relevant documentation outlined on the Application form.
7. Bursaries are awarded, where funding permits, on the basis of:
  - a completed Application Form and relevant documentation
  - a review of School Reports
  - an interview with the applicant and with her parents/guardians
  - an assessment of the family's means by the Student Bursary Committee, an independent committee established by the Trustees
8. It is recognised that family finances vary and any agreement with the school will be reviewed in April of each year. This review will require parent(s)/guardian(s) to provide updated financial information annually. A full financial review will be required before entering the senior cycle (4<sup>th</sup> year); a partial review and statement of means will be required in other years.

9. This information will be considered in each annual review of bursaries by the Student Bursary Committee and may lead to a curtailment or removal of the bursary for subsequent years.
10. **In the case of girls starting in Rosemont in September 2023,** applications must be submitted to the school by **1st November 2022**. The Student Bursary Committee will endeavor to make fair decisions based on the criteria outlined in this document. The Committee's decision is final and the Committee cannot enter into correspondence or discussion with regard to its decisions. The award of each bursary is subject to the approval of the Trustees.
11. **In the case of girls starting in Rosemont in September 2023,** interviews will take place after w/c/November 28th 2022 and bursaries will be offered by late January 2023.
12. In the case of:
  - **girls starting school upstream, on a limited basis and by way of exception**
  - **girls currently in Rosemont, on a limited basis and by way of exception, where the family's financial circumstances have changed markedly, to the extent that their ability to pay full fees is compromised**

the following will apply: Applications must be submitted to the school in writing. The Student Bursary Committee will endeavour to make fair decisions based on the criteria outlined in this document. The Committee's decision is final and the Committee cannot enter into correspondence or discussion with regard to its decisions. The award of each bursary is subject to the approval of the Trustees. The timeline involved may vary, but the Student Bursary Committee will endeavour to deal with the application within a 4-6 week period.