

SCHOLARSHIP & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME



MICHAELHOUSE

Michaelhouse offers two programmes to assist qualifying boys with enrolment into the school.

Scholarships and Exhibitions

A range of scholarships and exhibitions are awarded to boys of exceptional ability entering **E Block (Grade 8)**. Awards are available in the following areas: **academics, sport, music, art, and drama**. These awards recognise aspirations, ability and exceptional potential and are not assessed based on the applicant's financial status.

Scholarships are valid for the duration of a boy's time at Michaelhouse, provided recipients maintain acceptable levels of performance, involvement, and conduct.

Discretionary Awards and Financial Assistance

These awards, while recognising excellence in character ability and potential, are based on the applicant's financial needs. Financial Assistance awards **must** be reapplied for annually by application, although in **some** instances discretionary awards may be renewed automatically. Discretionary awards may in some instances be made to boys in Grades 8, 9 or 10, provided that space and funding are available.



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- **Major Open Scholarship (Academic):** Up to 75% of tuition and boarding (independent school candidates)
- **Minor Open Scholarship (Academic):** Up to 75% of tuition and boarding (independent school candidates)
- **Closed Scholarships (Academic):** Up to 30% of tuition and boarding (traditional feeder school candidates)
- **Major Trust Scholarship (Academic):** Up to 75% of tuition and boarding (state school candidates)
- **Minor Trust Scholarship (Academic):** Up to 75% of tuition and boarding (state school candidates)
- **All-Round Scholarship:** Up to 75% of tuition and boarding (all candidates)
- **Music Scholarship:** Up to 50% of tuition and boarding (all candidates)
- **Sport Scholarships:** Up to 75% of tuition and boarding (all candidates)
- **Arts Exhibitions (Drama and Art):** Up to 15% of tuition and boarding (all candidates)

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

Candidates (registered applicants only) are assessed based on the following:

- **Academic Scholarships:** Applicants should achieve an aggregate of **85% or higher** at the end of Grade 6.
- **Sport Scholarships:** Assessment is based on the highest level of representation (district and/or provincial) in a team sport, as well as commitment and sportsmanship across multiple sports. Merit-based awards recognize exceptional skill and a willingness to be coached. Recipients are expected to participate fully in both the scheduled strength and conditioning programme, and to play a team sport during both the Summer and Winter quarters for the duration of his Michaelhouse career.
- **Music Scholarships:** Candidates should have attained **Grade 4** (UNISA/ABRSM/Trinity) for voice or an instrument. Awards are based on instrumental competence and commitment to musical growth. Music scholarship winners are expected to take Music as a Matric subject, and to participate actively in the school's performance programmes.
- **Arts Scholarships (Drama and Visual Arts):** Applicants must submit a teacher's letter of motivation and examples of recent creative work (Art) or a CV of dramatic productions they have participated in. Art awardees are expected to take Art as a Matric subject. Drama awardees are expected to participate fully in the school's performance programmes.
- **All-Round Scholarships:** Recognize boys with strong abilities across academics, sport, and cultural pursuits. Candidates should have been invited to attend **two or more scholarship assessments** at Michaelhouse.
- **Rector's Discretionary Award:** Granted for excellence but **not part of the formal scholarship programme**. Applicants must provide **full financial disclosure** in the format required by the Financial Assistance Committee.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Limited funds are available to assist families for whom Michaelhouse fees are beyond their means, or as a **top-up** to a scholarship where the award does **not** fully meet the family's needs.

The initial application for financial assistance is made on your son's **application form**, after which the Finance Department will guide you through the next steps. Applicants are required to provide **full financial disclosure** in the format specified by the Financial Assistance Committee.

Please note that **financial assistance must be re-applied for annually**.