Scholarships for entry into 2027 – Frequently asked questions

**When is the Scholarship test?**

Saturday 15 November 2025

**When do scholarships open and close?**

Scholarships open on Tuesday 2 September.

Boarding scholarships applications close on Friday 24 October at 5pm.

All other scholarship applications close on Friday 7 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 2027. Broadly the categories are Academic, Music & Performing Arts, Boarding, and Specialist (Visual Arts). Please visit <https://www.tgc.vic.edu.au/enrol/scholarships> to ascertain which scholarships you are eligible for.

**How much is a scholarship worth?**

Amounts offered vary. Some scholarships have advertised values (this can be found outlined on the relevant webpage for each scholarship) 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. Both students who are already registered for enrolment, and those who aren’t are encouraged to apply for our scholarships.

**What is the application process?**

To apply for a scholarship, you should visit <https://www.tgc.vic.edu.au/enrol/scholarships> 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 & Performing Arts and Specialist) or direct to the College (Boarding and Specialist).

**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 & Performing Arts, 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.

When applying for a Boarding Scholarship, if you are shortlisted, you will complete 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 & Performing Arts, and Specialist) 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 via webpage)
* a short statement about the student’s future intentions in relation to Design and Creative Arts.
* Note: The statement and essay should be in one .PDF document.

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?**

The test covers Verbal Reasoning, Numerical Reasoning, Reading Comprehension, Mathematics and a Written Expression component. The best way to prepare is through completing the practice tests available via Edutest. You can purchase these here: <https://www.edutest.com.au/pa-online.htm>.

**If I am applying for a Music & Performing Arts Scholarship when will my audition be?**

Your audition will be scheduled during the week commencing 17 November 2025, after the scholarship exam.

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

* Music: Perform two contrasting pieces or movements on your principal instrument and perform one piece on your second instrument (if applicable).
* Performing Arts: Complete two performances (drama, dance, or vocal) of up to 8 mins

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 (music specific).

**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:*

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| **Date** | **Action** |
| Friday 24 October | Applications close |
| Friday 7 November | Shortlisted applicants informed  |
| Tues 13 and Weds 14 November | Interviews |
| Saturday 15 November | Scholarship test |
| By 16 December | Offers sent to successful students and unsuccessful students informed |

*Academic:*

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| **Date** | **Action** |
| Friday 7 November | Applications close |
| Saturday 15 November | Scholarship test |
| Week commencing 1 December | Shortlisted applicants informed |
| Friday 5 December | Tours for shortlisted applicants |
| Mon 8 and Tues 9 December | Shortlisted applicants interviewed |
| By 16 December | Offers sent to successful students and unsuccessful students informed |

*Music & Performing Arts:*

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| **Date** | **Action** |
| Friday 7 November | Applications close |
| Saturday 15 November | Scholarship test |
| Week commencing 17 November | Auditions held |
| Week commencing 1 December | Shortlisted applicants informed |
| Mon 8 and Tues 9 December | Shortlisted applicants interviewed |
| By 16 December | Offers sent to successful students and unsuccessful students informed |

*Specialist — Howard Hitchcock Visual Arts:*

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| **Date** | **Action** |
| Friday 7 November | Applications close |
| Saturday 15 November | Scholarship test (new students only) |
| Week commencing 1 December | Shortlisted applicants informed |
| Mon 8 and Tues 9 December  | Shortlisted applicants interviewed |
| By 16 December | Offers sent to successful students and unsuccessful students informed |