



## The Buckswood School Legacy Fund

The Buckswood Legacy fund was formed as a committee to award financial assistance for students to access and further their education at Buckswood. Awards are granted based upon various criteria, such as academic merit, diversity and inclusion, athletic skill, financial need, among others, or some combination of criteria. The committee's criteria reflect the philosophy, values and goals of the school and its founder.

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Dear Parent

Thank you for accessing the Buckswood Legacy Committee information. We appreciate that you are doing everything you can to ensure that you offer your child the very best in terms of an educational start in life. There is nothing to be ashamed of by asking for financial assistance, in fact, asking the question is something we always instil in our students as a positive thing. We have limited funds available so please be prepared. The Buckswood Legacy exists as a key part of Buckswood's ongoing commitment to supporting students and families to ensure that there is a broad and varied community represented at the school. It is important that the students in the Buckswood family have the opportunity to mix with others from around the world from varying backgrounds and be able to showcase any particular skill or talent that they might have.

The Buckswood Legacy Fund Committee provides financial support for students and is funded through a percentage of fee revenue and any other private funding available each year.

The Legacy Fund Committee is made up of a group which includes the School Director, a member of the School Leadership, the School Bursar, at least one alumnus and a member of the Advisory Governing Body.

- An important part of the Buckswood educational philosophy is to ensure that we recognise that some students have exceptional talents in specific disciplines and it is our responsibility to allow these to develop. Therefore this award gives students the opportunity to attend Buckswood at a reduced fee based upon excellence in a particular field. This support is referred to as a scholarship and is not means-tested, but is assessed and awarded based upon the ability of the student applying and the continued individual progress made in that discipline and the continued commitment to the school.

As fee revenue differs from year-to-year, the amount available to the Buckswood Legacy Fund can also vary. In order to ensure the viability of the scheme, awards are periodically reviewed to ensure that they are sustainable. This may mean that on occasions, awards may need to be changed or withdrawn if funds are not available to continue to provide them, or if criteria for receiving an award are not being met.

This document sets out the application process for the above awards, the expectations of those in receipt of awards and the periodic review process.

## **Scholarships**

Scholarship Awards are given by the Legacy Fund Committee to students who demonstrate excellence in a particular area or more than one discipline. They are not means-tested awards. As with other awards, Scholarship Awards are applicable to Tuition and or boarding fees only. Additional Extras such as transport, uniform and academies are not included in these awards. The value of each award is at the discretion of the Buckswood Legacy Fund Committee and varies depending upon the funds available. Scholarship Awards are usually capped at 35% of the Tuition and/or boarding fees (subject to funds being available).

### **The process**

To apply for a scholarship, there is a scholarship application pack that must be completed. (An example of this can be found at the end of this document). In addition all applicants must either have attended an Open Day or had a skype interview with a member of the admissions team before requesting a scholarship application (this is to mainly help you with the application process and for you to introduce yourself to the school). Taster Days are also available to scholars before their scholarship assessment to enable them to experience a day in the life of a Buckswood scholar. Scholars must also submit evidence of excellence in their chosen discipline and may be asked to come to school to demonstrate their ability 'in person' at an assessment day, or demonstrate this by skype or a recording of the chosen discipline (ie football). The completed and signed application form, most recent school report and references must be returned no later than one week before the assessment day (these dates are normally the first and last day of every term)

It is expected that those applying for a scholarship are already at a high standard in their chosen discipline, and are participating and where appropriate, competing outside the school environment. Not only do we look at the current level of the scholar, but their future potential.

### **Continuation of support**

The continuity of any scholarship award is subject to a termly review and report from the Head of Discipline and Head of Year to the Buckswood Legacy Fund Committee. Should a scholar not have embraced and upheld the criteria of the discipline, along with not meeting a set of general expectations as listed below, parents will be notified.

If a child is not meeting the criteria for maintaining the award, the school reserves the right to give notice of removal of the award. Typically, following a review indicating that criteria are not being met, the student and family will have the opportunity over the next term to address this and resolve any issues so that removal does not occur. If criteria remain unmet and should removal of an award occur, a term's notice of such will be provided by the school. If a student on an award is excluded or breaches a major school rule the school also reserves the right to remove any award with immediate effect. The family can appeal any decisions to remove awards to the Legacy Fund Committee in writing and these will be addressed within 15 working days

of receipt. Any appeal decision is final. Please note that this falls outside of the school's complaints policy.

The award is valid for the particular Key Stage of education that a child is in. If a family wish for an award to be offered for the next key stage of education, they must apply again providing updated information and the Legacy Fund Committee will assess this application at that time. It may be able to offer the same award or it may not be able to do so – this depends on the funds available and whether or not the student has met the criteria over the time of the previous award.

### **Expectations for the student**

Scholarship students are expected to participate fully within the school and support their peers and school community, be it in the classroom, on the sports field or in a school play, depending on their chosen discipline. Scholars are not only ambassadors of their chosen discipline, but of the school so excellent behaviour is expected.

All students in receipt of a Scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- Weekly punctuality and attendance requirements of **97%** or higher
- Maintain a Level 2 Attitude to Learning and above in all subjects
- Appropriate levels of behaviour in and out of the classroom
- Work submitted must be of an appropriate level and meet required deadlines.
- Attend open days upon request by the Principals
- Attend all school assemblies and official school functions
- Attend school when it is open on public holidays
- Show evidence of how they have used their scholarship to add value to the school and to their own cv.

### **Expectations for the family**

Just as we expect commitment from a student in receipt of a scholarship, Buckswood asks that parents also commit to the school in a positive way and engage with our community. What does this mean? It could be anything from offering expertise or services to the school – for example, offering work experience opportunities to our 6<sup>th</sup> form students or attending an open day to talk to prospective parents about your experiences being a Buckswood parent. You might have something interesting to discuss with our students as part of the 'Knowledge is Power' programme. Just as you have the expectation that the school will do its best to support your child in their education; the school expects you to help where possible.

Please note that the school respects the confidentiality of scholarship awards made to families and recipients are expected to do likewise. A breach of this confidentiality is grounds for removal of an award.

# Scholarship application form

This form is to be submitted with the school application form

Name of student for whom application is being made	
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Current Buckswood Scholar:	Yes	No
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Please attach any evidence supporting your application for the scholarship. Examples of evidence include certificates of competence, recordings of performances, team photos, art work, commendations/awards in chosen discipline.

All scholarship students, no matter the discipline, must be committed to school life, maintain a high level of personal achievement/progression across the school and positive behaviour.

Please explain how you will include your chosen discipline to enhance those within the school community.

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## Academic Scholarship

The aim of these assessments is to enable us to select those candidates who will be the academic leaders in the year group. We are looking for thinkers, children who can problem solve, apply knowledge and who demonstrate genuine intellectual curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. All candidates will be asked to supply a letter of reference from the Headmaster or Head of Year and complete an hour assessment which is designed to test their maths and English ability.

## Art Scholarship

We are looking for pupils who demonstrate outstanding potential in art, particularly through creativity, imagination, manipulative skills and strong powers of observation. An appreciation of a variety of Art medias and concepts is favorable. We expect holders of art scholarships to make a significant extra-curricular commitment to their art work. All candidates will be asked to complete a short practical lesson and interview with the Head of Art. This session will last for approximately 1 hour. Candidates must submit a portfolio of recent work, containing no less than 10 pieces, demonstrating a range of skills and techniques, and a letter of reference from a current teacher. This work can be submitted electronically.

## Music Scholarship

We are looking for those students who will make an outstanding contribution to the musical life of the school, and have an enthusiastic approach to promoting our talents and performances.

All candidates will be asked to complete an audition which includes the following:

1. Scales or technical exercises from the candidate's current grade book, to be requested by the panel
2. One solo piece on the candidate's first study instrument, to be performed with piano accompaniment (to be provided by us), lasting no less than 2 minutes
3. One unaccompanied study at the appropriate grade
4. A sight reading test (to be taken from repertoire approximately 2 grades lower than the candidate's current grade)
5. A theory test lasting no more than 15 minutes
6. Candidates may also submit a recording of their skills via email.

## Sports Scholarship

We are looking to select candidates who display what we consider to be the most important physical attributes and mental characteristics that lead towards becoming an elite performer, and have the potential to reach county level. You should apply if you:

- Have raw athletic ability
- Have excellent hand-eye co-ordination
- Are coachable and willing to quickly implement given feedback
- Demonstrate ambition and drive towards achieving a personal or team goal

- Are able to make good decisions when under pressure
- Are physically resilient and robust
- Have positive emotional intelligence and are able to bounce back from setbacks
- Are willing to take the lead and have good communication skills

All candidates will be asked to complete a Multi Stage Fitness Test, SAQ Test (Speed, Agility and Quickness) and an assessment in their chosen discipline. Candidates must submit a letter of reference from a coach in their chosen discipline, and details of achievements, e.g. copies of certificates, trophies won, and tournaments entered etc. They may also submit a recording of their skills via email.

## All Rounder Scholarship

All-Rounder Scholarships are available to candidates who exhibit a sufficiently high standard in Art, Performing Arts, Music or Sport, allied with good academic ability. Candidates must submit a letter of reference from their Headmaster or Head of Year and complete all of the academic assessment PLUS one aspect of the chosen secondary discipline

# School Director's Award application form

This form is to be submitted with the school application form

Name of student for whom application is being made	
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Current Buckswood Scholar:	Yes	No
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All students under a School Director's Award, no matter the amount, must be committed to school life, maintain a high level of personal achievement/progression across the school and positive behaviour.

Please provide reasons to apply for this award

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