



**MALEK FAHD
ISLAMIC SCHOOL**

Student Scholarships and Bursaries Policy

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Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed every three years if not earlier to take account of any changed technology, legislation, expectations or practices.
The next review date is September 2028.

Introduction

Malek Fahd Islamic School (MFIS) affirms the transformative power of education as a means of nurturing the whole child—spiritually, intellectually, and morally. In line with Islamic principles, the School recognises the importance of supporting academic effort, promoting social justice, and ensuring equitable access to learning opportunities.

Acts of generosity, supporting those in need, and honouring sincere effort are deeply rooted in our faith. Guided by these values, MFIS is committed to providing financial assistance to students whose family circumstances may otherwise prevent them from enrolling or continuing their education at the School.

Furthermore, to enrich the lives of all students and strengthen the School community, MFIS values the presence of students who demonstrate excellence in academics, service, co-curricular involvement, and religious development. Their contributions inspire others and uphold the School's mission of holistic growth.

The School offers a range of scholarships and bursaries with the hope that recipients are motivated to strive for excellence in character, spiritual depth, and intellectual achievement—embodying the values of sincerity, humility, and service to others.

Information about available scholarships and bursaries, along with the application process, is accessible via the School website and communicated through newsletters to current and prospective families.

Scholarships

Malek Fahd Islamic School (MFIS) is committed to nurturing excellence in character, intellect, and faith. In line with Islamic values of equity, generosity, and the pursuit of knowledge, the School offers a range of scholarships and bursaries to support students in their educational journey.

Open Scholarships (New Enrolments)

Open Scholarships are available to new students enrolling in Years 6 to 11. These scholarships recognise students with exceptional academic potential who are likely to benefit significantly from the MFIS learning environment and contribute positively to the School community.

- Awarded upon enrolment and maintained for the duration of enrolment, provided that all the general conditions of the scholarship continue to be met.
- Granted annually in Term 3/4 after enrolment applications have been assessed.

- Assessment includes an entry test and interviews with the Head of Campus and Deputy Principal Teaching & Learning.
- Up to ten full scholarships may be awarded each year.

Academic Scholarships (Current Students)

Academic Scholarships are awarded annually to current students entering Years 6 to 11, based on academic performance and growth.

- **Dux Scholarship:** Full scholarship awarded to the top-ranked student across all campuses (Grade Dux). *Six full scholarships annually.*
- **Second Place Scholarship:** Half scholarship awarded to the student ranked second across all campuses. *Six half scholarships annually.*
- **Most Improved Scholarship:** Half scholarship awarded to the student showing the greatest academic rank improvement through personal effort. *Six half scholarships annually.*

Students may receive academic scholarships multiple times during their enrolment. Awards are announced at the end of the year and applied to the following year's tuition fees.

All-Rounder Scholarships

These scholarships recognise students who demonstrate excellence across academics, school sport, community service, co-curricular activities, and religious development.

- Up to two full scholarships awarded annually to students entering Years 6 to 11.
- Each student may receive only one All-Rounder Scholarship during their time at MFIS.
- Applications must be submitted in writing by the end of Term 3.
- A Scholarship Committee reviews applications and makes recommendations to the Principal.

Qur'an Scholarships

Qur'an Scholarships honour students who excel in Qur'anic recitation, memorisation, and understanding.

- Awarded annually to the top-ranked student in Qur'anic Studies across all campuses.
- Six half scholarships awarded to students in nominated year groups.

Arabic Scholarships

Arabic Scholarships recognise students who demonstrate mastery of the Arabic language.

- Awarded annually to the top-ranked student in Arabic across all campuses, provided the student continues Arabic studies the following year.
- Six half scholarships awarded to students in nominated year groups.

Bursaries (Needs-Based Assistance)

Bursaries provide financial support to currently enrolled students whose family circumstances may affect their ability to continue at MFIS.

- Means-tested and granted at the discretion of the Principal, with input from the Head of Campus, Deputy Principal Wellbeing & Community (DPWC) and Business Manager.
- May include partial or full fee relief.
- All bursary applications and related discussions are treated with strict confidentiality.

General Conditions

- Recipients must uphold high standards of behaviour, attendance, and engagement.
- Participation in school functions and support of staff at events is expected; non-compliance may result in withdrawal of the award.
- Scholarships and bursaries cover tuition fees only. Families remain responsible for other expenses (e.g., uniforms, textbooks, devices, sports equipment).
- All awards and arrangements are confidential unless formally announced by the School.

Application and Approval Procedures

- Scholarships: Overseen by the Deputy Principal Teaching & Learning. Letters of award are issued following Principal approval.
- Bursaries: Managed by the Business Manager. Applications are submitted to the Deputy Principal Wellbeing & Community (DPWC).

Bursary Application Process

1. Parents email the DPWC to request assistance.
2. Parents are asked to submit the required documentation to support the application.
3. An interview is held with the Head of Campus and DPWC (and School Chaplain if required).
4. A recommendation is made to the Principal (or delegate) for approval.
5. All discussions are handled with the utmost confidentiality.

Total Number of Scholarships

Scholarship Type	Full Scholarship (4 terms tuition)	Half Scholarship (2 terms tuition)
Open	Up to 10	-
Academic	6	12
All Rounder	Up to 2	-
Quran	-	6
Arabic	-	6
<i>Total</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>24</i>