

Junior Scholar Programme Application

Important Information

Qualification criteria:

- Only scholars in Grade 6 may apply
- Gross Income per household may not exceed R15 000
- All applications must be delivered by hand or posted
- Application forms received via e-mail or fax will not be accepted
- Applications must be submitted before 15h00 on 31 July of each year
- Please attach all the required documents. The application will be rejected should the required documents not be attached
- A valid cellular number and e-mail address must be provided
- Should the contact number or e-mail address be incorrect, we will not be able to advise whether the application has been successful or not
- Please consider the application unsuccessful if you have not been contacted by Kay Mason Foundation before November each year
- KMF is not obliged to give reasons why scholarship has not been granted

Process:

- All applications will be reviewed after 31 July
- After the first evaluation process, if the scholar is selected, he/she will be required to write an academic test
- Scholars will be notified by e-mail and sms of the exact date, time and location for the test
- Based on the academic test results, a limited number of scholars will be selected for a panel interview and will be advised of the exact date, time and location for the interview
- After the panel interview, successful candidates will be informed of the outcome before end December

OVERVIEW OF THE KAY MASON FOUNDATION

Central Mission of the Kay Mason Foundation (KMF)

The KMF identifies and supports the future leaders of South Africa. We provide scholarships for under-privileged South African children to attend good quality schools, ensuring vital help with extras: uniforms, sports equipment, textbooks, stationery, transport, and extra-mural activities.

One of our core principals is that we want parents to contribute and still take full responsibility for their children. As such, we do not provide full scholarships and ensure that families only receive the minimum amount of financial assistance required.

The KMF works in partnership with families and provides funds only after a full investigation of financial need. The secret of our success lies in our focus on the individual - his or her circumstances, needs, family situation, potential. No child is a number to us. We have an extremely dedicated staff who provide each of our scholars with the psycho-social support they would only get at the most expensive private school. We have individually tailored financial packages, regularly readjusted, to ensure that families only receive the minimum amount of financial assistance required to give their child a chance at a great future.

The KMF is excellent at identifying future leaders, while also remembering that you do not have to be a rocket scientist to change the world. Our graduates are noted for their confidence, poise, decisiveness in debate, independent thought and care for others - qualities they develop in the KMF support programme: leadership and identity workshops, excursions and community outreach programmes. KMF Scholars also volunteer in the communities they come from, to foster an awareness of the responsibilities that come with the gift of an education. We work with other NGOs to provide volunteering opportunities for our scholars in a range of areas including planting trees; cleaning nursery schools; engaging in educational debates; caring for the elderly; and many others.

Other general and detailed information regarding the KMF can be found by visiting our website:

www.kmf.org.za

Junior Scholar Programme Selection Process

The Junior Scholar Programme and Senior Scholarship selection processes are both rigorous. KMF's excellent relationships with feeder primary schools in the Western Cape Province help us identify financially disadvantaged children with academic potential who are about to enter their last year of primary school (Grade 7) for our Junior Scholar Programme. Only scholars who are currently in Grade 6 may apply for this programme.

After completing the application process herein, whereby the scholar's academic progress and family circumstances and income are considered, applicants undergo a formal assessment test. Based on the collective results of these factors, scholars are selected to join the KMF Junior Scholar Programme.

The Junior Scholar Programme has two primary objectives:

- Prepare scholars academically for our partnering high schools.
- Test scholars' commitment to their education.

Programme classes are held at our Bellville classroom every Saturday from 09h00-13h00, except on holiday weekends and long weekends. Classes are held in the subjects of English, Maths, Geography, History, Science, and Life and Study Skills. Sessions are taught by both professional teachers and volunteers qualified to prepare the scholars for the demands of a quality high school. The rules are strict: If a scholar is late three times, he/she will be expelled from the programme. If a scholar does not complete his/her homework three times, he/she cannot return. If a scholar fails to attend without a doctor or parent note, he/she is expelled from the programme. Junior Scholars will also be required to complete twenty (20) hours of volunteer/community service during the year.

Each Junior Scholar will be continuously assessed during the programme as well as undergo a formal assessment at the end of the Junior Scholar year.

Senior Scholarship Programme Selection Process

At the end of the Junior Scholar Programme year, all Junior Scholars are evaluated and assessed for the granting of a Kay Mason Foundation Senior Scholarship. The selection will be based on the following:

- Academic performance at school and in class
- Outcome of the continuous assessments in various areas of functioning
- Behaviour and personality
- Class participation and volunteer work
- Acceptance into a KMF preferred school for Grade 8
- Compliance with KMF rules and regulations

PREFERRED HIGH SCHOOLS

Please note that scholars must apply at one of our preferred high schools in order to be considered for a scholarship. We suggest that you also apply at a school which you can afford should the scholar not qualify for a scholarship.

Bellville High School (Bellville)

Bloemhof High School (Cannot Pay Their Full School Fees) (Stellenbosch, Afrikaans Girls)

Cape Academy for Maths, Science and Technology (Constantia)

Claremont High School (Claremont)

De Kuilen High School (Kuilsriver)

DF Malan High (Cannot Pay Their Full School Fees) (Bellville)

Durbanville High (Cannot Pay Their Full School Fees) (Durbanville)

Fairbairn College (Goodwood)

Fairmont High (Cannot Pay Their Full School Fees) (Eversdal Heights)

Gardens Commercial High School (Cape Town Gardens)

Good Hope Seminary High School (Cape Town, Gardens)

Groote Schuur High (Cannot Pay Their Full School Fees) (Newlands)

Livingstone High School (Claremont)

Milnerton High School (Cannot Pay Their Full School Fees) (Milnerton)

Norman Henshilwood (Wynberg)

Plumstead High (Plumstead)
Rhenish Girls' High School (Cannot Pay Their Full School Fees) (Stellenbosch) Girls English
Rylands High School (Athlone, KewTown)
Settlers High (Bellville West)
South Peninsula High School (Diepriver)
Stellenbosch High (Stellenbosch)
Strand High School (To Be Confirmed) (Strand)

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- As a matter of policy, KMF prefers not to place scholars at schools charging more than R15 000 per year for school fees
- Parents/guardians should register their children at other schools of their choice in the event that the scholar is not awarded a KMF Senior Scholarship
- KMF does not participate in the high school application process for the junior scholars. The sole responsibility for high school applications is that of the parents/guardians
- KMF strongly suggest that parents/guardians consider schools close to their home in order to minimize transport problems. If you know of a quality school in your area that is not listed above, please advise KMF

REGARDING E-MAIL:

KMF prefers to communicate with scholars and parents/guardians using e-mail. Please ensure that you provide an e-mail address that is accessible by the scholar and parents/guardians. This may be your own e-mail address or that of a relative or close friend who will advise you if e-mail correspondence is delivered for your attention. For your information, a "gmail" account is free to set up!