



# SCHOLARSHIPS GUIDE

2024





# INSPIRING MODERN MINDS



I am delighted that you are interested in a scholarship at St Andrew's Prep.

We offer a range of prestigious awards to those who excel academically or in art, drama, music, the performing arts and sport. We are enormously proud of our scholars, what they represent and their achievements. Please peruse this booklet and get in contact with us if you need any additional information.

At St Andrew's Prep, we help every child be the best that they can be.

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'Tom Gregory'.

Tom Gregory, BA PGCE  
Headmaster





# SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ENTRY IN SEPTEMBER 2024

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# SCHOLARSHIPS AT ST ANDREW'S PREP

St Andrew's Prep believes exceptional talent should be supported and nurtured. The major contribution we can make to scholars is the development of their specialism through tailored provision and support. We have strong programmes in place for scholars of all disciplines to develop their talents.

As a school we are very fortunate to attract a high level of interest in our scholarship programme. The following scholarships are offered to pupils at Year 5 and Year 7:

- Academic
- Art (Year 7 only)
- Drama (Year 7 only)
- Performing Arts (Year 7 only)
- Music
- Sport

At the discretion of the headmaster, an award may be awarded to pupils in Year 4 and below who display a talent in one of the above areas.

**Scholarships are open for application from internal and external pupils.**

Awards are made from the beginning of the Michaelmas term (September) for the full duration of their time at St Andrew's Prep, provided that the award-holder continues to show appropriate effort, enthusiasm and performance and dependent on good conduct.

**How many scholarships can be applied for?**

Candidates can apply for more than one standalone scholarship and each scholarship is awarded as a result of strictly-moderated open competition and assessment.

**What do we expect from our applicants?**

We expect scholars to set themselves high standards in the way they conduct themselves, both in and around the school. The example they set will make them natural leaders among their peer group and we hope that they will both enjoy and make the most of the responsibility. All scholars will be closely monitored by either the Deputy Head or the Head of the appropriate discipline.

The School reserves the right to withdraw awards if at any point, in the opinion of the Headmaster, and after monitoring procedures, the pupil is performing significantly below expectations or in cases of serious misconduct.

The amount of any award is regarded as a confidential matter between the parents and the Headmaster. Parents are expected to respect this confidentiality and any breach of this understanding is likely to lead to the withdrawal of the award.

**How are pupils assessed?**

In addition to the general entry requirements and process (please refer to our Admissions Policy), any specific additional entry requirements can be found in the relevant scholarship page.

Candidates will be required to sit either a written examination or practical assessment, and in some cases both, before being invited for an interview with a senior member of staff.

Candidates should wear their current school uniform unless otherwise informed.

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**What does a scholarship offer?**

**In line with most top independent schools, the majority of awards will be between 5 per cent and 20 per cent of the day or boarding fee.**

**All scholarships may be supplemented on a means-tested basis.**

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## MEANS-TESTED BURSARIES

**Bursaries are separate from scholarships. Bursaries are only available when financial means dictate.**

Prospective pupils should be registered with the School before an application for a bursary is made. If parents have applied for a scholarship and wish also to apply for a bursary, they should submit a completed application by **Monday 15 January 2024**

Please contact [admissions@standrewsprep.co.uk](mailto:admissions@standrewsprep.co.uk) for more information.

Bursary awards are reviewed and determined in the order they are received. Bursaries are not eligible to parents applying from overseas.

# ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

## What more does the scholarship offer?

Pupils strive to be in academic teams such as General Knowledge, Chess, Maths Challenges and Gifted and Talented days. They will strive to be in the top sets for subjects and to go the extra mile in project work or work in class. Other events such as lectures and workshops will be arranged on an ad hoc basis for scholars and others who have an interest in that area.

Mr Minister, Director of Studies, will be happy to answer any queries that parents or prospective pupils may have and can be contacted at [maminister@standrewsprep.co.uk](mailto:maminister@standrewsprep.co.uk)

Available for Year 5 and Year 7 entry

Scholarship application deadline: 15 January 2024

Please turn to **page 20** for details on how to apply

## How are pupils assessed?

The Academic award will comprise the following papers:

- Maths
- Science (for Year 7 entry)
- English, to include creative writing and a comprehension test
- Non-verbal reasoning test

All candidates will be interviewed by the Headmaster during the assessment day.

Candidates will need to bring with them a pen, pencil, rubber and ruler (calculators are not required).

Papers are appropriate for children from maintained or independent schools. Candidates will sit the exams that correspond to their year group.

Candidates should wear their current school uniform.

The papers set are designed to assess academic potential. Papers are different each year and we do not issue past papers.

Please refer to **page 18** for the opportunity of an Eastbourne College Academic Scholarship.





# ART SCHOLARSHIPS

## What more does the scholarship offer?

Pupils will attend an art scholar activity which takes place after school once a week in addition to receiving guidance from the Art Department to continue developing their art portfolio at home. All art materials will be provided by St Andrew's Prep in order for the pupils to best develop their talents.

Avril Swanepoel, Head of Art, will be happy to answer any queries that parents or prospective pupils may have and can be contacted at [aswanepoel@standrewsprep.co.uk](mailto:aswanepoel@standrewsprep.co.uk)

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## How are pupils assessed?

The Head of Art is looking for enthusiasm, imagination and creative flair for the subject, as well as strong observational skills and the ability to appreciate and control materials.

The Art assessment will comprise the following:

- Observational pencil drawing of a still life
- Creative design task
- An interview with the Head of Art and the Headmaster.

Candidates will be invited to talk about their work and love of Art, including favourite artists or galleries and exhibitions they have visited. They will be required to submit an Art portfolio (of approximately 10 to 15 pieces). The portfolio should include:

- Paintings executed from various viewpoints which have been carried out both at home and at school.
- At least one full sketch book which should show a high level of observational drawing skills of objects such as plants, people, pets, etc.

3D models should be photographed rather than brought in as items could break in transit.

All materials for the Scholarship day will be supplied, but candidates are welcome to bring their own equipment.





# DRAMA SCHOLARSHIPS

## What more does the scholarship offer?

In addition to opportunities to perform in recent musicals such as *Matilda*, *Shrek*, *Oklahoma*, *Bugsy Malone* and *Mary Poppins*, our drama scholars have also taken part in amazing workshops producing plays from modern comedies to classic Shakespeare. In addition, scholars at St Andrew's Prep often have the chance to work with our younger pupils to get a taste of directing.

Candidates who are successful in gaining a drama scholarship will be expected to participate in annual school shows, drama masterclass, LAMDA lessons and maintain a Drama performance portfolio including school plays, theatre reviews of live shows and experience of production of drama on and off stage.

## How are pupils assessed?

The Drama assessment will comprise the following:

- Candidates will be required to submit a portfolio of programmes or posters of any performances they have been in. The portfolio should also include a review of a live performance they have seen which will be discussed at interview (no more than 300 words)
- Two (one minute) monologues. These can be any genre from film to Shakespeare, but should be contrasting
- A group improvisation session
- An interview with the Director and Assistant Director of Music and Performing Arts and the Headmaster

Assistant Director of Music and Performing Arts, Michelle Radley, will be happy to answer any queries that parents or prospective pupils may have and can be contacted on [mdradley@standrewsprep.co.uk](mailto:mdradley@standrewsprep.co.uk)

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# MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

## What more does the scholarship offer?

**Successful Music scholars will receive free music tuition in one musical instrument for the duration of the Award. Scholars can expect to be musically challenged and pushed to achieve their highest personal goals in their music making.**

The Music Department will help them develop a professional work ethic in their attitude to practice and rehearsal. Through technical development and varied performing opportunities we hope to foster a love and appreciation of music that will last for the rest of their life.

Scholars are expected to join a choir and orchestra/wind band, whichever is appropriate, and generally support the music making in the school. With over 10 choirs and ensembles rehearsing every week and a series of recitals and large-scale concerts, pupils are given so many chances to play and perform; whether it be a love of classical music or a desire to be the next big rock star, this is a department where you can do it all.

## How are pupils assessed?

The Music assessment will comprise the following:

- Candidates are expected to perform on two instruments, the second of which could be voice
- Candidates will be given sight reading exercises and aural tests (in which they will be asked to sing)
- An audition and interview with the Director of Music and Performing Arts and the Headmaster

Candidates should bring their own instrument with them and any music needed for the audition, including the accompaniment.

It is expected that candidates will have taken lessons on their first study instrument and should be a minimum of:

- Grade 2 standard for Year 5 entry
- Grade 4 standard for Year 7 entry

During the interviews, candidates will be expected to discuss their musical studies and interests, including their involvement in musical groups and activities.

Emphasis is placed on potential, commitment and all round musicianship.

Please refer to **page 18** for the opportunity of an Eastbourne College Music Scholarship.

The Director of Music and Performing Arts, Rob Cousins, will be happy to answer any queries that parents or prospective pupils may have and can be contacted at [rmcousins@standrewsprep.co.uk](mailto:rmcousins@standrewsprep.co.uk)

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# PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS

A Performing Arts scholarship comprises of assessments in three areas. Candidates will be asked in their application to confirm their main strength(s) out of the three.

## How are pupils assessed

All pupils will need to do the following:

- Perform one monologue lasting no more than two minutes in total
- Perform one song or piece of music of your own choice lasting no more than two minutes in total
- Perform a short dance piece of your own choice with choreographed movement
- Discuss with the Head of Performing Arts the candidate's own performing experience.
- A portfolio of exam certificates is welcome but not essential as we are looking for potential

If **drama** is declared the main strength, the candidate will be asked to:

- Perform a second contrasting monologue.

If **music** is declared the main strength, the candidate will be asked to:

- Perform a second contrasting song or instrumental piece

If **dance** is declared the main strength, the candidate will be asked to:

- Perform a second contrasting dance piece.

In all cases when choosing your contrasting piece in your area of strength, pupils will be expected to show their breadth of stylistic knowledge (*ie in drama – modern and traditional, in music – classic and modern, in dance – jazz and ballet*)

There will be an interview for all candidates with the Director of Music and Performing Arts and the Headmaster

Director of Music and Performing Arts, Rob Cousins, will be happy to answer any queries that parents or prospective pupils may have and can be contacted on [rmcousins@standrewsprep.co.uk](mailto:rmcousins@standrewsprep.co.uk)

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# SPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

## What more does the scholarship offer?

Scholars will be fully involved in the Sports Department playing in a variety of sports teams, and participate in the many extra-curricular sports activities on offer.

## How are pupils assessed?

The Sports assessment will comprise the following:

- Candidates can nominate one or more major sport(s) in which they feel they are particularly proficient; however, candidates will be expected to show all round ability in other areas such as hand-to-eye co-ordination, balance and teamwork
- Sports covered will include cricket, football, hockey and rugby for boys and cricket, hockey and netball for girls, but it is not necessary for candidates to have experience in any of these sports as the assessments are based on potential.
- If your child would like to be assessed for tennis, athletics and/or swimming in addition to those already listed, please indicate this on your application
- The assessment day will include an interview with the Director of Sport and the Headmaster during which candidates may like to talk about their sporting achievements
- Written testimonials from third parties (clubs, coaches etc) will be taken into consideration

Sports scholarships are given on purely sporting grounds to pupils who demonstrate potential. Candidates are expected to:

- Demonstrate talent in at least one of the major team sports
- Display excellent individual agility and co-ordination for their age group
- Possess interest, determination and show the capacity to improve through practice or skilled teaching

- Possess individuality and expressiveness of movement
- Have evidence of a high degree of motivation and commitment to both practice and performance in their specific sports
- Have the ability to listen and reflect on processes and performance in order to evaluate and respond
- Display sophisticated selection and application of advanced skills, tactics and ideas for their age

Candidates should arrive for the trials in appropriate sports kit including tracksuit, shorts and trainers and bring with them, where necessary, relevant equipment such as swimming costume, tennis racket and cricket kit.

The assessment will involve tests which include generic work on speed, agility, strength, co-ordination, reaction and the specific skills related to their main sport(s). Tests will take place in the Goodwin Sports Hall and other areas appropriate to their main sport(s). All tests will be standardised and results recorded.

Please note that assessed sports do not include golf, diving, karate, judo, horse riding, table tennis etc but candidates may submit supporting evidence of these sports in the form of references and achievements.

Director of Sport, Kerry Murray, will be happy to answer any queries that parents or prospective pupils may have and can be contacted on [klmurray@standrewsprep.co.uk](mailto:klmurray@standrewsprep.co.uk)

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# EASTBOURNE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

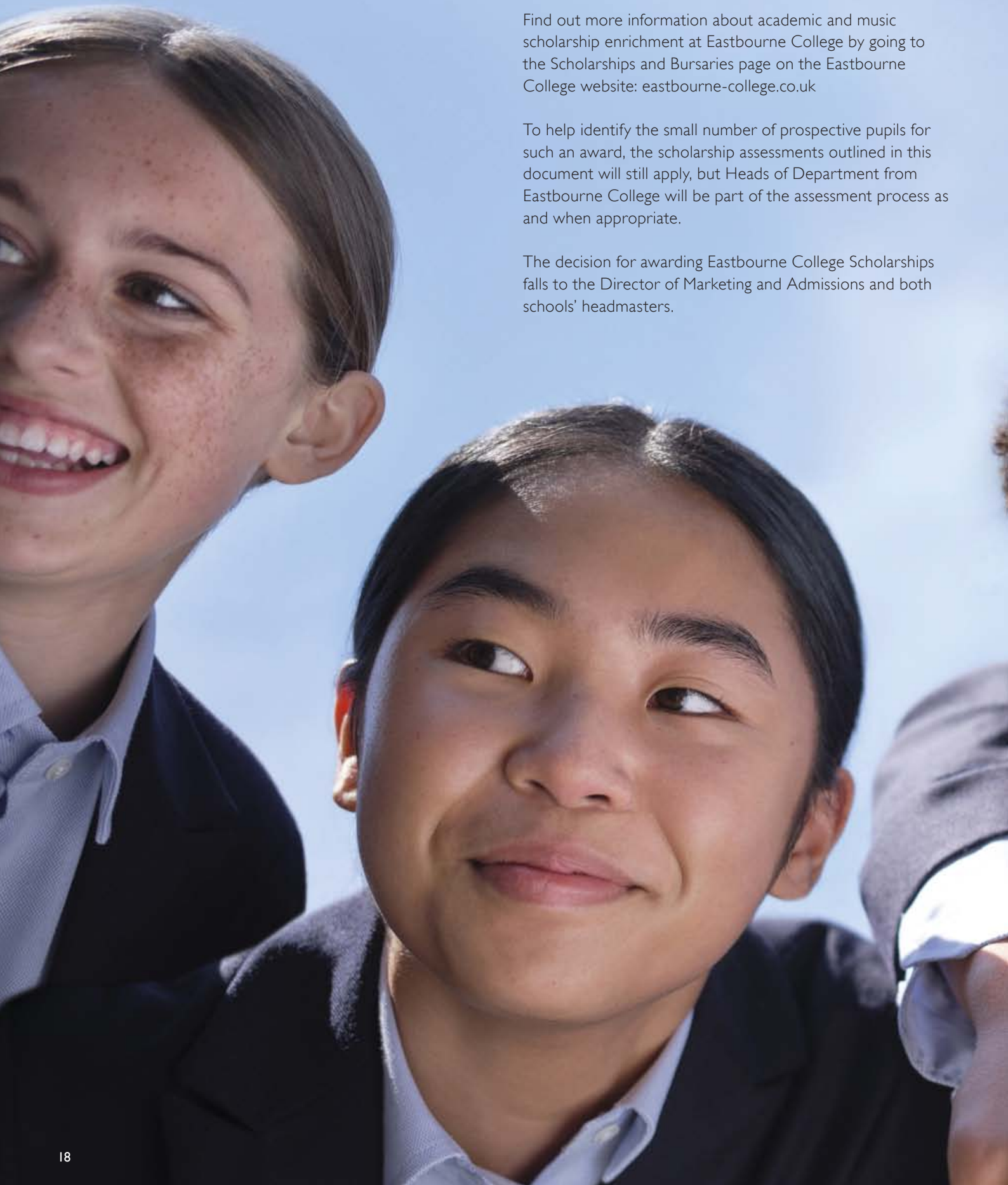
If you are applying for a St Andrew's Prep Academic or Music scholarship into Year 7 there is an opportunity for the top performing scholars to be awarded an Eastbourne College Scholarship.

The first two years of the scholarship will take place at St Andrew's Prep, and then continue into Eastbourne College for a further five years from Year 9 whilst the pupil fulfils all scholar criteria.

Find out more information about academic and music scholarship enrichment at Eastbourne College by going to the Scholarships and Bursaries page on the Eastbourne College website: [eastbourne-college.co.uk](http://eastbourne-college.co.uk)

To help identify the small number of prospective pupils for such an award, the scholarship assessments outlined in this document will still apply, but Heads of Department from Eastbourne College will be part of the assessment process as and when appropriate.

The decision for awarding Eastbourne College Scholarships falls to the Director of Marketing and Admissions and both schools' headmasters.







# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Deadline for all applications is  
Monday 15 January 2024



If you would like to be considered for a scholarship, please complete the **application form** online via the Scholarships and Bursaries page on the St Andrew's Prep website or use this QR code.

Scholarship applications can  
only be submitted online.

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## 2024 SCHOLARSHIP ASSESSMENT DATES

Please register online, including £150 registration fee, before assessment

Parents should discuss their child's suitability for scholarship application with their current school. Parents should also make their current Headteacher aware that a mandatory and confidential reference form will be requested by the school, with a deadline. Any delay in receiving a completed reference may jeopardise your scholarship application.

Music	Wednesday 31 January
Art	Wednesday 31 January
Drama	Thursday 1 February
Performing Arts	Thursday 1 February
Sport	Friday 2 February
Academic	Saturday 3 February

Candidates will then be invited to the assessments in January or February.

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## CONTACT DETAILS

For more information or for advice on the best options and combinations for individual candidates, please contact the relevant department below or [admissions@standrewsprep.co.uk](mailto:admissions@standrewsprep.co.uk) in advance of the application deadline.

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For queries with regards bursaries, financial costs and funding of scholarships, please contact:

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