



# SELDEN COLLEGE

## Bursary Fund Policy AYE 27

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**Mission:**

Selden College exists to graduate faithful Christian men and women who are prepared to act justly, skilfully and magnanimously in each and every office, private and public, in peace and war.

**What is this policy document about?**

This policy concerns the processes and principles surrounding the award of needs-based, means-tested financial aid to our students.

**Context:**

The college has a sum available each academic year to award needs-based means-tested financial aid to our students by reducing their College fees by between 20% and 80%. The criteria on which such bursaries will be awarded is set out in this policy so as to be transparent.

**Aim:**

Selden College aims to provide clear bursary related guidance for students and potential donors.

**Detail:**

1. The College is aware that there are students who want to study at Selden College but for whom the tuition fees are too expensive for them to afford. To protect the College's religious integrity it does not participate in Government funding for higher education. The College encourages students to plan for funding their studies through paid work, savings and working during vacations. In addition, it aims to provide financial assistance by reducing fees for deserving students. We call this a College Bursary.
2. The College will maintain a bursary fund as part of the College's main account, managed through a separate accounting line. Where donors to the College have specified that their gifts are to go to the bursary fund, that money will be restricted to bursary funding. The College may at any time also designate additional sums received for the college's general purposes as available for bursary funding.
3. College Bursaries can only be awarded to students who have accepted a place and who demonstrate financial need. Need can only be assessed after full disclosure of the student's financial circumstances. If a bursary is granted, the bursary will reduce the College tuition fees payable by between 20% and 80%.

4. For 2026-27, tuition fees are £12,875. So, for instance, a student receiving a 20% bursary, the fees due would be £10,300. For a student receiving an 80% bursary, the fees due would be £2,575.
5. Students wishing to apply for College Bursary funding should download and complete this [form](#) which will ask for the following:
  - 5.1. Your name, home address and date of birth
  - 5.2. An explanation of your circumstances and reasons for seeking a bursary;
  - 5.3. Percentage of fees being sought as a bursary (between 20% and 80%);
  - 5.4. A description of your financial plan for the year if the bursary is granted (covering College fees, books and living expenses);
  - 5.5. Your income in the academic year prior to the academic year for which assistance is sought eg part-time job, savings income;
  - 5.6. If you are under 25, your parents' / guardian's gross income (earned and unearned including benefits) for the most recent tax year);
  - 5.7. The number and age of any dependents you and/or your parents support.
  - 5.8. Your and your parents' assets (savings, property etc).

Appropriate evidence to support your application e.g. P60s, pay slip, tax return, will be required with the application. Additional evidence may be asked for at a later stage.

6. The initial deadline for receiving applications for a College Bursary will usually be 1 March each year. If bursary funding is still available, further rounds of applications may be invited.
7. Decisions on awarding bursary funding will be made by a panel of no less than 2 faculty/staff including at least one of the Principal or Vice-Principal, and the Finance Director. Bursary money is limited and it is not expected that the College will be able to meet all the requests for bursary funding. The panel will have the discretion to decide whether to offer a higher bursary to fewer applicants or a lower bursary to more applicants.

8. Once the designated amount of money for each academic year has been allocated to individual students' College Bursaries, the College will not be able to accept further applications for bursaries in that academic year (unless the College itself either receives or allocates money designated for bursary funding).
9. It is expected that a bursary, once awarded, will be awarded for each of the following years of study (to a maximum of 3 academic years), subject to the student continuing to meet the financial eligibility criteria and make satisfactory academic progress.

**Notes for donors and students:**

1. For the foreseeable future, Selden College is not in a position to award any Scholarships or other financial aid that is not needs-based and means-tested. The College is actively looking for funding for scholarships and/or partnerships with Christian education providers (schools, online school providers and homeschool groups) to provide non-means-tested Scholarship opportunities for students in the future.
2. Donors who donate specifically to the Bursary Fund cannot specify that a bursary should be awarded to a particular student. If an individual wishes to sponsor a particular student, that must be a private arrangement between the sponsor and the student.
3. Students at Selden College are not eligible for UK Government Student Loans to cover tuition fees.
4. Selden College has produced a guide for students looking to access other sources of funding for their studies, available on request.
5. In due course the College will explore the feasibility of a Work-Study plan under which students can work for the College a certain number of hours per week as a condition of receiving a reduction in tuition fees.
6. Although the Bursaries are grants, the College hopes that all recipients will be able to make a donation to Selden College (if possible up to the value of the original bursary) within 5 to 10 years after the end of their studies. Such donations would enable the College to increase the number of bursaries granted over time.