

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS APPLYING FOR GREENWICH HOSPITAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN ENTERING THE ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2019

This information applies to 2019 entry only. Greenwich Hospital reserves the right to change any of the terms and conditions for future years.

Principles

The Royal Hospital School is owned and operated by Greenwich Hospital, which is a Crown Royal Naval charity. Greenwich Hospital offers financial support to eligible seafaring candidates to board at the Royal Hospital School.

Seafaring eligibility

To be eligible for financial support, normally the child for whom the application is being made needs to have a parent who is serving or has served in the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, RFA or WRNS for a minimum of three years. Other seafaring connections may be considered.

Greenwich Hospital supports eligible seafarers through a limited number of bursaries and discounts at the Royal Hospital School only. Gaining a place at the Royal Hospital School does not guarantee that either a bursary or a discount will be awarded. Applications for children who have siblings already in the School or where more than one child is applying in the same year, are considered on the individual merits of each child. The second child will also be means-tested and their fee will usually be 50% of the first child's fee. This will normally result in higher fees overall. There is no guarantee that siblings will receive a bursary or a discount.

Bursaries

Bursaries are means tested based on gross family income, assets and investments and certain types of expenditure of the household where the child normally lives. They are limited and awarded on entry. Bursaries are not normally available retrospectively to pupils already in the School. Applications due to significant unforeseen changes in circumstances or loss of UK MOD Continuity of Education Allowance (CEA), may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Bursaries will be awarded to eligible seafaring applicants who are successful in the January entrance examination and at interview based on consideration of the following factors:

- Seafaring eligibility;
- Charitable need;
- Availability of bursaries;
- Entrance examination performance – both academic and at interview;
- The family's need for a boarding situation;
- Financial circumstances.

Bursaries are available for three-night boarding and weekly boarding as well as for full boarding. Applications for all years will be considered but priority is normally given to children entering Year 7. Bursaries are **not** available for any of the categories of day pupils.

Bursaries will not normally be awarded to families whose gross family income exceeds £100,000 or whose combined annual gross income, savings, and other assets (excluding the family's primary residence) equals or exceeds £200,000. Families whose financial circumstances exceed these thresholds and who have exceptional charitable need, or who currently have children in the School may make an application.

Seafaring Discounts

A limited number of seafaring discounts are available for applicants whose parents are serving or have served in the Royal Navy, Royal Marines or RFA and whose income and/or assets exceed the financial thresholds above or who are not otherwise awarded a bursary. Seafaring discounts are 15% of the boarding category under which the child has applied. These awards are subject to availability and are awarded to children of eligible seafarers who are successful in the January entrance examination and at interview. They are awarded irrespective of parental financial circumstances and are available for boarding places only (Full, Weekly, Junior or Three day). Seafaring discounts are **not** available for any of the categories of day pupils.

Application Process

The deadline for applications for financial support is 7 December 2018. Applications will only be considered if the following conditions have been met by this date:

- A completed application form for a place has been submitted to the Royal Hospital School;
- Relevant sections of Greenwich Hospital application form for financial support have been submitted to Greenwich Hospital.
- Greenwich Hospital has received documentary proof of seafaring eligibility.

Additionally, prior to the award of any bursary, both a School interview and a Greenwich Hospital caseworker's home visit must have been conducted. Home visits are carried out during normal office hours and you will be required to make time available for the caseworker's visit. The caseworker will visit the home of the parent where the child is living, unless agreed otherwise by the Clerk-in-Charge of Greenwich Hospital.

Exceptionally, late applications may be considered if there is extreme charitable need and available funding.

Other forms of Financial Support

Scholarships

The School awards a limited number of scholarships for particular merit or potential. Further details are available on request from the School Registrar.

CEA Discounts

Serving personnel who will receive MOD UK or other UK Government Department Continuity of Education Allowance (CEA) for their children are eligible for a discount from the School. Royal Navy and Royal Marine parents with children already at the Royal Hospital School, who lose their CEA may apply subsequently for a Greenwich Hospital Bursary. These applications will be considered depending on the availability of funding at the time.

Further information

For an application form and information about the entrance and scholarship criteria please contact the Royal Hospital School Registrar on 01473 326136.

For information on bursary applications and seafaring eligibility please contact the Greenwich Hospital School Bursary Section on 0207 396 0140/1.

NEITHER GREENWICH HOSPITAL NOR THE ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL CAN GUARANTEE THAT A CHILD WILL RECEIVE EITHER A PLACE OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

YOU SHOULD THEREFORE MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION IN CASE YOUR APPLICATION IS UNSUCCESSFUL.

Bursaries are awarded at the discretion of the Director of Greenwich Hospital, whose decision is final. Greenwich Hospital reserves the right to award or withhold bursaries in the light of your individual circumstances and the availability of charitable funding at the time.