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1. Preamble

- 1.1. It is important to distinguish between the terms “scholarship” and “bursary”.
- 1.2. A scholarship is awarded to gifted pupils regardless of financial need whereas the primary consideration when awarding a bursary is financial need.

2. Purpose of Stanford Lake College Sport and Extra Mural Scholarship

- 2.1. To enable gifted children to apply to Stanford Lake College other than on a academic merit

3. Administering the scholarship fund

- 3.1. The awarding of an Sport and Extra Mural Scholarships will be administered by a committee made up of the Chair of the Letaba Trust, the Head of the College and the Deputy Head and Director of Sport and Extra Murals.
- 3.2. This committee will meet to consider all applications for Stanford Lake College Sport and Extra Mural Scholarships.
- 3.3. A quorum will consist of four (4) of the committee members being present.
- 3.4. All applications will be considered in strictest confidence and for this reason all communication about decisions of the Sport and Extra Mural Scholarship Committee will take place through the Head of the College. No other scholarship committee members have authority to speak to applicants or any other members of the Stanford Lake College community or the public about matters regarding Stanford Lake College Sport and Extra Mural scholarships.

4. Guidelines for Granting Stanford Lake College Scholarships

- 4.1. The scholarships are generally awarded to Grade 8 Pupils but in exceptional cases and depending on the availability of funds as well as the caliber of new applicants, an award may be made to an existing pupil in a grade higher than Grade 8.
- 4.2. For an application to be considered, the scholarship applicant must:
 - 4.2.1. Complete the official Stanford Lake College scholarship application form fully;
 - 4.2.2. The applicant must be a *bona fide* resident of Limpopo Province.
 - 4.2.3. Have an exemplary record of behaviour and involvement in the College if it is an existing pupil.
 - 4.2.4. Must have completed and passed the College’s placement test for new pupils
 - 4.2.5. Must have a record of excellent achievement in activities beyond the classroom. Must be supported with documentary evidence. As a guideline, continued provincial selection or acknowledged public performances would be considered as necessary for an application to be of value.

- 4.3. Each application must be considered on its own merits
- 4.4. Stanford Lake College Sport and Extra Mural Scholarships may not be granted to applicants who are unable to pay their fees as a result of servicing debt that has been incurred elsewhere. Simply put, if a scholarship were to be granted in such cases, the Stanford Lake College would effectively be servicing the family's debt, and this would not be a justifiable practice.
- 4.5. Stanford Lake College Sport and Extra Mural Scholarships may not be granted to families who are in arrears. A Sport and Extra Mural scholarship may be granted, however, if very strict conditions are agreed upon to pay outstanding fees. All outstanding fees will have to be covered in full by the family. The Sport and Extra Mural Scholarship will not in any way be used to cover outstanding debt to Stanford Lake College.
- 4.6. Sport and Extra Mural Scholarships should be granted by giving a percentage reduction in tuition fees only.
- 4.7. No more than one term's tuition fee (25% of annual tuition fee) may be awarded and the allocated amount will be escalated at the rate of school fees increases over the period of schooling at the College.
- 4.8. Families of new pupils who qualify for a scholarship will be required to secure a debenture for the scholarship recipient to be able to attend Stanford Lake College.
- 4.9. All Sport and Extra Mural Scholarships are granted for one year only. All Sport and Extra Mural scholarship recipients must reapply annually. Renewal of the Sport and Extra Mural scholarship will be dependent on continued Sport or Extra Mural performance and good behaviour.
- 4.10. Re-applications must be done before the end of September in the year prior to the year in which the scholarship is required.
- 4.11. Staff of Stanford Lake College who have their children schooling at Stanford Lake College do not qualify for Sport and Extra Mural Scholarship support, as they already enjoy relief under the staff salaries and benefits policy.
- 4.12. The scholarship is not transferable and is open to all Grade 7 learners, including those who have already made application to the College.

5. Managing Scholarship Holders

- 5.1. As soon as a Sport and Extra Mural Scholarship has been granted, the applicant will be informed in writing by the Head of the College.
- 5.2. The recipient of the Sport and Extra Mural Scholarship will be required to sign a contract stating the conditions of the scholarship.
- 5.3. Once the contract has been received, the accounts department of Stanford Lake College will be informed and the Sport and Extra Mural Scholarship will be applied from the date of the application of the scholarship or from the beginning of the year for which the application was made.
- 5.4. Once a Sport and Extra Mural Scholarship is applied to an account all remaining monthly tuition fee payments must be paid in full and on time. If the fee account is not kept up-to-date, the scholarship recipient will be in danger of having the scholarship withdrawn.