



AITCHISON COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (ACSP)



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Introduction

Aitchison College has long stood as a symbol of academic excellence and leadership development in Pakistan. Recognizing the barriers that prevent many deserving students from disadvantaged backgrounds from accessing such opportunities, the College has launched a Scholarship Program. This initiative reaches out to students from financially challenged families and remote areas of Baluchistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), Sindh, Gilgit-Baltistan (GB), Azad Jammu & Kashmir (AJK), and Punjab.¹

The aims of the Aitchison College Scholarship Program are to:

- Provide access to quality education for academically talented but underprivileged students.
- Foster inclusion by bridging regional divides, promoting social mobility, and providing world-class learning opportunities.
- Strengthen national unity by bringing together students from diverse cultural and geographic backgrounds.
- Increase the size of the program over time to have a more meaningful impact on the student body and society.

To finance the program, Aitchison College Endowment Trust Fund was proposed as a semi-independent body, with a majority of Trustees being independent and some representing the College's Board of Governors (BOG). The Management Committee (MC) approved the proposal of the Endowment Trust Fund in principle on October 7th, 2024, and the Board of Governors formally endorsed it on January 28th, 2025.²

Following the approval, an alumni-led campaign was launched in February 2025 to raise seed funding for the Fund/Scholarships. Class champions from nearly 35 graduating batches (1970s–2010) volunteered to raise a target amount of Rs. 10 million per batch. To date, around 650 alumni have pledged approximately Rs. 300 million, of which Rs. 265 million has already been contributed. These funds have been ring-fenced for this special purpose and are held in the Aitchison Scholarship Account and the Friends of Aitchison College Lahore Inc. (FAC)³ accounts in the US, pending transfer to the Trust once formally established. Income from the Fund will finance the full tuition fees⁴, including boarding expenses and other miscellaneous expenses, for selected students throughout their tenure at Aitchison.

In addition, alumni, private trusts, and corporations/banks have directly financed scholarships by committing to cover the full costs (including tuition, boarding and miscellaneous costs, etc.) of the individual students independent of the Endowment Fund.

Given the funds already contributed, the College administration has admitted **eight** boarding students into Grade 6 (K-6) for the academic year 2025–26

¹ Punjab was not included in 2025-26 scholarship admission cycle.

² The proposed Draft Trust Deed of the Endowment Fund has to be approved by the MC and BOG of Aitchison College.

³ Friends of Aitchison College Lahore Inc. is a fundraising entity that was incorporated Feb, 2020 in the State of New York. FAC has received relevant US government approvals and has 501c(3) exemption status from IRS.

⁴ <https://aitchison.edu.pk/admission/fee-structure>



Scholarship Program Design & Selection Process (2025–26)

The Program targets students aged 10 - 12 entering K6 or E2 (Grade 6 or 7) as boarders, ensuring at least seven years of fully immersive Aitchison education, encompassing academic excellence, mentorship, and holistic personality development in a safe and inclusive environment. The number of students admitted each year would depend on scholarship funds secured by the College and the seats available.

The rollout of the program started in March 2025, following a structured and transparent process: province-wide advertising, application screening, and entrance testing at designated locations, age verification at Aitchison, and in-person interviews with candidates and their parents.

Advertising & Outreach

A multi-pronged strategy was applied to advertise and raise awareness of the Scholarship Program across Baluchistan, KP, Sindh, GB, and AJK, beginning March 9th, 2025:

- **Mass Media Campaigns:** Advertisements in national and regional newspapers.
- **Digital Platforms:** Website, social media, and alumni networks.
- **Community Partnerships:** with educators, tribal/community leaders, and NGOs.
- **Government Linkages:** Engagement of provincial education departments for information dissemination.

This strategy resulted in **1,050 applications**, despite geographic and communication challenges.

Province-wise Applications⁵

Province / Region	Applications Received	Candidates Present for the Test
Baluchistan	533	446
KP	110	96
Sindh	275	225
GB	132	103
AJK	0	0
Total	1,050	870



Financial Screening, Testing, and Selection

Applications were screened for financial eligibility through documents such as tax returns, employment records, and utility bills. Entrance test was conducted simultaneously by teams sent by Aitchison at four locations - Quetta, Peshawar, Hyderabad, and Gilgit on June 26th, 2025.

The entrance test, designed by Junior School teachers, assessed English, Mathematics, and Urdu, aligned with government school curricula. Papers were marked under the supervision of the Headmistress, after which merit lists were compiled by province. Qualifying candidates were invited for interviews which were held from July 28th to August 8th, 2025. The interview panel included:

- Members of the Board of Governors
- Representatives from Friends of Aitchison (FAC)
- Senior College Management

In total, two boys from each province were admitted, making up the first cohort of eight students.

Students Selected & Admitted (2025–26)

Sr. #	Home District	Province	Father's Profession
1	Sukkur	Sindh	Private Job
2	Tharparkar	Sindh	Farming
3	Skardu	GB	Government Service
4	Skardu	GB	Government Service
5	Laki Marwat	KP	Teacher
6	Parachinar	KP	Business (Medicine)
7	Awaran	Baluchistan	Policeman (Govt Job)
8	Khuzdar	Baluchistan	Teacher

All eight students have joined Grade K-6, Saigol House Boarding, on August 19th, 2025. A two week-long orientation program was organized by Ms. Tina Hameed, Director, Teaching and Learning Centre (TLC), Aitchison College, allowing the boys to adjust to their new environment.

Special pastoral care and academic assistance is being provided by Saigol House administration and the teaching staff with sensitivity to the individual needs of the boys, while ensuring that they remain anonymous to their class fellows. Support measures include:

- **Pastoral Care & Mentorship:** Housemasters in Saigol House have been sensitized to provide pastoral care and guide students in their adjustment.
- **Academic Bridging:** Subtle and inclusive support in English, Mathematics, and Science to strengthen foundations without setting the boys apart as a special group.
- **Psychosocial Support:** Counselling services to help students manage adjustment challenges and homesickness.
- **Social Cohesion:** Encourage cross-cultural friendships and inclusion



Key Dates (Inception to Execution)

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| ● Oct 7th, 2024 | Proposal for Scholarship Endowment Fund approved by MC |
| ● Jan 28th, 2025 | Endowment Fund proposal endorsed by BOG |
| ● Feb 1st, 2025 | Alumni scholarship endowment drive launched |
| ● March 9th, 2025 | National advertising campaign |
| ● June 26th, 2025 | Entrance testing |
| ● Jul 28th- Aug 8th 2025 | Interviews |
| ● Aug 19th, 2025 | Admission of first cohort (8 students – K6 - Boarding) |

Future Roadmap

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| ● Year 1 (2025): | Pilot outreach, established processes, mobilized resources, selected first cohort. |
| ● Year 2: | Strengthen verification, expand outreach, refine induction, enhance alumni mobilization. |
| ● Years 3–4: | Scale up cohort size, expand academic and psychosocial support, sustain funding. |
| ● Year 5+: | Track outcomes, increase scholarships, achieve national recognition, ensure long-term sustainability. |

Conclusion

Built on the progressive ethos of equity and inclusivity, the Aitchison College Scholarship Program is more than a scholarship - it is a nation-building initiative. By equipping bright boys from disadvantaged regions with world-class education, values, and leadership qualities, Aitchison College is investing in the future of Pakistan.

The milestone achieved this year marks only the beginning. With sustained commitment, alumni support, and careful planning, the program can expand to benefit hundreds of students in the coming decade, transforming not only individual lives but entire communities.

In doing so, Aitchison strengthens its legacy of academic excellence while advancing the ideals of equity, service, and national unity.