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LAHWHILL BURSARY FEES FOR 2027

The Lawhill Maritime Centre wishes to thank you for your support and interest in helping us **invest in a future maritime generation; your support will make it possible for us to build on our successful track record** of more than 30 years of preparing high school students for future careers in the maritime and related industries.

Although we are part of a Government School, the STS Lawhill Maritime Centre receives no direct Government funding and is currently entirely reliant on the industry and individual donors to support its operation and maintain the high standards associated with our programme (this, despite facing increasing costs for food, utilities, internet connectivity, medical care etc)

Please see below all relevant information related to our fees for next year/2027:

HOW IS THE ANNUAL BURSARY FEE CALCULATED?

Our goal is to cover our operating costs in full, not to make a profit and therefore we aim to charge as low a fee as possible in order to secure bursaries for all our students.

We use actual operating costs from the period October of the previous year to end September the current year as the basis for calculating the full expenses for the year, as well as the following year's bursary fee. We then apply a percentage increase.

For your information, the 2026 ACTUALS EXPENSES TO END SEPTEMBER (as received from Simon's Town School), plus the expenses projected for the rest of 2026 (Oct, Nov, Dec) is estimated to be just under R6.8 million.

FULL BURSARY (TUITION AND BOARDING) FEE:

In order to adequately accommodate the educational, welfare and safety needs of the young people placed in our care, we will need to INCREASE our current bursary fee by approximately 6 percent.

The 2027 fee is R116 000 per student, per annum.

This is a R6600 per student per annum increase (or R550 per month) on the 2026 fee and will be used to cover increases in predominantly food and transport costs. (Based on information available, transport costs (which impacts food costs) rose by 8.8 percent in 2026).

We believe this fee of R116 000 represents value for money especially when comparing it to the **2027** tuition and boarding fees of other Government schools in Cape Town. These are charging R149 000+ despite being subsidised by Government (which Lawhill is not). Note: a direct, detailed comparison is not possible as items included/excluded in the fees do vary from institution to institution. See overleaf for what our fee includes.

WHAT THE BURSARY FEE COVERS:

- Providing 24/7 care and supervision to boarding students for approximately 200 school days per year.
- Tuition (school fees for maximum 9 subjects)
- Full boarding costs (which includes all accommodation costs and three nutritious meals a day, 7 days a week)
- Salaries covering the costs of specialist maritime educators, a small team of support staff, additional supervision staff, as well as payment for administrative services provided by Simon's Town School's Bursar.
- Ad-hoc costs associated with the maritime extra-mural programme which comprises swimming, rowing, diving, motorboating, sailing etc. *These costs are in addition to those covered by the various programme sponsors*. (Please see our YouTube Channel for videos on our different extra-mural programmes).
- Lawhill building maintenance. Our building is more than 15 years old and is in need of major renovation in certain areas. The bursary fee covers only minor and routine maintenance costs, but unfortunately not large/unplanned/emergency repairs to the building. Funds for these need to be raised separately.
- Insurance costs (various)
- Student access to computers, printers and high-speed internet as well as the professional maintenance of these essential services and items. Our student computers are about 9 years old so we do anticipate the need to replace them with refurbished laptops in the near future.
- Covering additional staffing costs for project key to the future sustainability of the programme and/or welfare of the students (eg professional psychological costs)
- Provision of emergency medical care and covering of those costs
- Transporting students to industry outings and events as well as to doctors, dentists and other specialists – and more! Going forward we aim to recover costs wherever possible.

WHAT THE BURSARY/SPONSORSHIP FEE DOESN'T COVER:

The 2027 bursary/SPONSORSHIP fee of **R116 000** per student per year ***excludes*** **transportation (bus tickets and shuttle costs) f**our times a year for students who live away from Cape Town ie *those who live two or more hours from our hostel.*

This cost is excluded from the BURSARY/SPONSORSHIP fee as not all boarders travel long distance.

To be on the safe side, we suggest you budget an additional R35 000 per student per year for the bus transport costs for students to return home for the holidays. (This figure is an average as costs can vary dramatically according to distance, time of booking etc. Please note that we will only invoice you for ACTUAL costs, which could be way lower).

Kindly note: travel costs vary according to season/travel time as well as destination and it is unfortunately not possible for us to provide a fixed cost.

Please be assured that we do negotiate special rates with the service providers and will always, in the interest of student safety and cost savings, aim to have students travel outside of peak times (whenever possible).

Note: We pass all savings on to our donors and do not mark up the transport costs - see below for more.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE LAWHILL INVOICE FOR 2027:

The Lawhill invoice for 2027 will include:

- the 2027 bursary fee of R116 000 x the number of students you/your company sponsors
- a 2027 ESTIMATE for bus costs - this estimate will be based on the 2026 ACTUAL bus costs plus a 10 percent provision for increases in 2027.
- Note: If we had invoiced you bus costs for 2026 in advance and these were paid by you, we will work out if a debit or a credit is due and reflect this in the invoice).

A DETAILED breakdown of actual bus costs for 2026 will be attached to the 2027 invoice.

PLEASE CONSIDER:

1. **Providing additional adhoc donations to cover:**

- unexpected Emergency Medical Costs (as many families do not have medical aid)
- provision of Mental Health support (professional psychological support)
- Emergency building maintenance (eg leaking roof)
- IT and WIFI upgrades

Unfortunately, we are not able to budget adequately for the above items as it is difficult to know what the demand for emergency health and maintenance services will be.

2. **Making a three year commitment:**

As Lawhill offers a three year programme (Grade 10 to Grade 12), we encourage bursary sponsors to consider supporting a student throughout the full programme.

For budgeting purposes, we suggest the following budget for a three-year bursary from 2027 to 2029. Please note these estimates are subject to confirmation

- **2027 Fee –** R116 000, per student, annual charge (tbc by November 2026) - Tuition and boarding fee excluding transport costs.
- **2028 Fee –** Estimated R122 900 per student, annual charge -Tuition and boarding fee. Excluding transport fees. To be confirmed October 2027
- **2029 Fee -** Estimated R129 900 per student, annual charge. Tuition and boarding fee. Excluding transport fees. To be confirmed October 2028.

Total = MINIMUM R368 800 (excluding transport costs) for a full three year commitment.

THANK YOU - Thank you once again for your support and interest in the Lawhill programme.

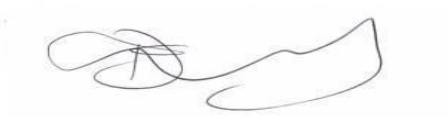
REMINDER: SECTION 18A TAX-DEDUCTION CERTIFICATES CAN BE ISSUED FOR ALL DONATIONS MADE.

If you are not familiar with the Lawhill programme, please do take a moment to visit our website www.lawhill.org and Facebook and Instagram (@lawhillmaritime) pages.

You can also view several videos on our Youtube channel. https://www.youtube.com/@lawhill . The channel includes a short video about our programme: https://youtu.be/Bbe6z0u_xUM?si=Yg1SKgy-Bx8WCRgv

We look forward to your continued support as we work together to increase the employment prospects of our youth and in doing so, help grow the South African economy and alleviate the scourge of poverty negatively impacting so many lives.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you require any additional information or clarification.



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