

ACO ACADEMY 2021

BURSARY INFORMATION

The Australian Chamber Orchestra (ACO) is committed to ensuring access to our programs and we strive to ensure that students wishing to participate are not disadvantaged for financial reasons. The ACO is pleased to offer bursaries to assist young musicians who wish to participate in the ACO Academy program. Bursaries will be awarded to those students who can demonstrate a sufficient financial need for this assistance, as well as a high standard of playing. Together with the generous support of its private donors, the ACO will provide either full or partial bursaries for ACO Academy in 2021.

There are two categories of assistance available:

1. **Full bursary:** the ACO will cover travel costs, accommodation and the participation fee. This is for students who live outside of the Sydney area only. The ACO will waive the \$300 participation \$300 fee, and book and pay for all or part of the travel and accommodation for the student and one parent/guardian.
2. **Partial bursary:** the ACO will waive the \$300 participation fee. Students from all locations are eligible.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To apply for an ACO Academy Bursary, the student and parent/guardian of successful applicants of the 2021 ACO Academy must:

- Have been offered a place in the 2021 ACO Academy
- Submit a Bursary application
- Submit proof of each parent/guardian's taxable income and/or Centrelink benefit record as appropriate.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Complete the Bursary online application form at time of enrolment, or as otherwise instructed. Link: <https://acosurvey.typeform.com/to/vs1twRoF>
2. All applications must be made on the appropriate application form, completed in full with support material attached. Incomplete forms unfortunately cannot be considered.
3. Each application will be assessed on the information contained in the application form. Applications are strictly confidential and will be viewed only by the Bursary Assessment Panel comprised of the Australian Chamber Orchestra's Learning & Engagement Manager and Chief Financial Officer.
4. Successful applicants will be notified with their offer of full or partial bursary.

Please note: as the ACO's funds are limited it may not be possible to offer all applicants a full bursary. Applicants should indicate on the form if they are prepared to accept a partial bursary.

CONDITIONS OF THE BURSARY

- The Bursary Applicant must be aged 11-18 years old inclusive, as at 1 January 2021, and/or enrolled in a Public or Independent Australian Primary School or High School.
- The Bursary Applicant must be a successful applicant for the 2021 ACO Academy

- The Bursary Applicant must demonstrate sufficient financial need. The Australian Chamber Orchestra reserves the right to collect financial information from the Applicant's parents/guardians to determine financial need.
- Upon being granted a full or partial bursary, the Applicant must take part in all aspects of the ACO Academy program, including concerts, rehearsals, talks, performances, media, marketing, and social events.
- If an Applicant is awarded a bursary and withdraws from the ACO Academy, the Applicant shall not receive any financial assistance towards travel or participation costs. The Australian Chamber Orchestra reserves the right to request repayment or recovery of any costs associated with the bursary from the Applicant or Applicants' parent/guardian if they fail to attend.

The Australian Chamber Orchestra will book all flights and accommodation for full bursaries. The Applicant should not book flights or accommodation if the Applicant has applied for a bursary unless with prior written advice from the Australian Chamber Orchestra. Should an Applicant be granted a travel bursary, all instrument freight/cartage and/or flights are the sole responsibility of the Applicant or parent/guardian. The Australian Chamber Orchestra assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to instruments or cases in transit to or from the ACO Academy venues, accommodation or throughout the duration of the ACO Academy program. The Australian Chamber Orchestra may assist with advice only in relation to instrument travel arrangements and recommends all participants take out their own travel and instrument insurance and seek independent legal advice.

The Australian Chamber Orchestra's decision regarding the bestowing of full or part bursaries is final and no correspondence will be entered into. Late, illegible or incomplete bursary applications will not be accepted.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF BURSARY

ACO policy requires that the student and parent / guardian accepting a 2021 ACO Academy Bursary will acknowledge the support given to them by meeting the conditions listed below:

- Reliable and punctual attendance at all ACO Academy activities, rehearsals and performances;
- Adequate practice and preparation of the ACO Academy;
- The student must be available to represent the ACO Academy and to perform at events or special concerts as scheduled throughout the ACO Academy week.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact our Learning & Engagement Team on education@aco.com.au.