

ACO ACADEMY 2020

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Australian Chamber Orchestra (ACO) is committed to ensuring access to our programs and we strive to ensure that students wishing to participate in our programs are not disadvantaged for financial reasons. The ACO is pleased to offer scholarships to assist young musicians who wish to participate in the ACO Academy program. Scholarships 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 scholarships for the ACO Academy in 2020.

There are two categories of assistance available:

Travel costs, accommodation costs and participation fee (students who live outside of the Melbourne area only) – the ACO will waive the participation fee for the ACO Academy (\$350 + GST), and book and pay for all or part of the travel and accommodation costs for the student and one parent/guardian. Includes airfares and accommodation;

Participation fee (students from all states are eligible) - the ACO will waive the participation fee for the ACO Academy (\$300.00 + GST).

1. Completed application forms are to be submitted at time of enrolment, or as otherwise instructed.
2. Applications are strictly confidential and will be viewed only by the Scholarship Assessment Panel comprised of the Australian Chamber Orchestra's Learning & Engagement Manager and Chief Financial Officer.
3. All applications must be made on the appropriate application form, completed in full with support material attached. Incomplete forms unfortunately cannot be considered.
4. Each application will be assessed on the information contained in the application form.
5. As the ACO's funds are limited it may not be possible to offer all applicants a full scholarship. Applicants should indicate on the form if they are prepared to accept a partial scholarship.
6. Successful applicants will be notified with their offer of full or partial reduction in fees.

Please ensure that you have read and understood the 2020 Scholarship Information sheet. This form is to be completed by a parent or guardian of a dependent student who has been accepted into the ACO Academy program for 2020. All forms and the information provided will be treated confidentially. Should you require a copy of the ACO's Privacy Policy, please contact the Education Manager to request a copy.

2020 ACO ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

- The Scholarship Applicant must be aged 11-18 years old inclusive, as at 1 January 2020, and/or enrolled in a Public or Independent Australian Primary School or High School.
- The Scholarship Applicant must be a successful applicant for the ACO Academy in 2020;

- Upon being granted a whole or partial scholarship, the Applicant must take part in or attend all aspects of the ACO Academy program, including concerts, rehearsals, talks, performances, media, marketing and social events.
- If an Applicant is awarded one or more Scholarship/s 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 scholarship from the Applicant or Applicants' parent/guardian;
- The Scholarship Applicant must demonstrate sufficient parent/guardian and/or household financial need. The Australian Chamber Orchestra reserves the right to collect financial information from the Applicant's parents/guardians in order to determine financial need.

Please note the scholarship assessment process is entirely separate to the audition assessment process.

The Australian Chamber Orchestra will book all flights and accommodation for travel and accommodation scholarships. The Applicant and/or Applicants family should not book flights or accommodation if the Applicant has applied for a scholarship unless with prior written advice from the Australian Chamber Orchestra. Should an Applicant be granted a travel scholarship, 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 scholarships is final and no correspondence will be entered into. Late, illegible or incomplete scholarship applications will not be accepted.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To apply for the ACO Academy Scholarship/s, the student and parent/guardian of successful applicants of the 2020 ACO Academy must:

1. Submit an online application;
2. Submit proof of each parent/guardian's taxable income and/or Centrelink benefit record as appropriate.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF SCHOLARSHIP

ACO policy requires that the family and student accepting a 2020 ACO Academy Scholarship will acknowledge the support given to them by meeting the conditions listed below:

- The Scholarship Applicant must be aged 11-18 years old inclusive, as at 1 January 2020, and/or enrolled in a Public or Independent Australian Primary School or High School.
- Reliable and punctual attendance at all rehearsals and performances;
- All absences must be applied for in advance to the Education Coordinator for approval;
- Adequate practice and preparation of repertoire for all rehearsals;
- Enrolment is for the complete duration of the ACO Academy (6 - 10 July 2020) only;

- The value of the scholarship must be repaid if withdrawing from participation in the 2020 ACO Academy or if the student accrues an unacceptable number of absences;
- The student must be available to represent the ACO Academy 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.