

METROPOLITAN MALE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Scholarships 2022



INSTRUMENTAL/VOCAL Music Scholarship-2022

Metropolitan Male Choir of South Australia Inc.
(“the Choir”)

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Eligibility:

The Metropolitan Male Choir, Y2022 music scholarship program for **solo Instrumental/Vocal performance**, is offered to young people with proven musical ability.

Applicants must be 12 to 16 years of age on January 1, 2022.

Applications are considered subject to certain provisions. (*see ‘Conditions of entry’ below*)

2. Monetary award/s

Subject to meeting ‘*an appropriate standard*’ condition as determined by the adjudicating panel, an award of **Two Thousand Dollars** will be made to the first prize winner. An additional award, of up to **One Thousand Dollars**, may be made to a second prize winner at the discretion of the adjudicating panel. In the unlikely event that two candidates are adjudged equal prize winners, prize money will be shared in a manner considered appropriate by the Choir Management Committee. Prize money will be paid to the successful applicant/s in two half instalments, in December 2021 and May 2022.

In addition, a privately sponsored ‘Encouragement Award’, to a maximum value of **\$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars)**, may be offered at the discretion of the sponsor, Mrs June Genders OAM. This award is not a third-place award, but will place greater emphasis on entertainment value, age, perceived potential, presentation etc. First or Second place winners, as detailed above, will not be deemed eligible.

Acknowledgement – The Metropolitan Male Choir wishes to acknowledge the generous financial support given the Scholarship program by Mrs. J Genders, OAM, former accompanist and now a vice patron of the Choir.

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3. Guest artist appearances

Further to the above, the Choir will offer Scholarship award winners the opportunity to perform as unpaid supporting artists at one or more concerts during the tenure of the Scholarship or shortly thereafter. In particular, the first prize winner will normally be invited to perform at our annual 'Variety' concerts (August-October) in the Adelaide Town Hall.

4. Tenure

The scholarship/s will be offered for a period of 1 year from January 1 to December 31, 2022.

5. Entry fee

An entry fee of \$10.00 applies to all applications. Cheques / Money orders should be made payable to the 'Metropolitan Male Choir of SA Inc.' Note that this fee is not payable 'on-line'.

6. Applications

Closing date for applications: Tuesday 12 October 2021.

7. Conditions of entry

Applicants will be considered for an award subject to the following provisions: -

7.1. Applicants must be resident in Australia (preferably in South Australia) and be prepared to support the Choir at public performances during the tenure of a Scholarship Award. (*see para 3 above, 'Guest artist appearances'*)

7.2. Important

Each applicant is required to complete and submit the "MMC Music Scholarship" application form (appended below) together with a personal history record, providing details as follows: -

7.2.1. Name,

7.2.2. Date of birth, (applicants must be 12-16 years of age on January 1, 2022)

7.2.3. School attended,

7.2.4. Study year etc.

7.2.5. Vocal experience or type of instrument/s studied.

7.2.6. Years of musical study, examinations, level achieved etc. (recommended minimum level of achievement e.g., AMEB Gr 6 or equivalent)

7.2.7. Name/s of teacher/s (together with Telephone Nos. if possible)

7.2.8. Awards, prizes, public performances

7.2.9. Other relevant information.

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8. In addition, it is required that applicants: -

- 8.1. submit at least one referee statement together with a supporting statement from parent/s, carer, or guardian.
- 8.2. demonstrate a strong desire to continue their musical development.
- 8.3. submit to such audition as may be considered appropriate by a panel of judges.
- 8.4. be available, if requested, to attend for interview before a final selection is made.
- 8.5. shall not be a previous first prize winner of the Scholarship.
- 8.6. **enclose 2 stamped, addressed, return envelopes (220mm) and \$10.00 entry fee with application.**

Please make Cheques / Money orders payable to - 'Metropolitan Male Choir of SA Inc.'

N.B. Please note that applicants may not be selected for audition subject to a review by the panel of the applicant's suitability and appropriate detail provided in the application and supporting material.

9. Auditions:

Auditions for selected applicants will be held on Saturday, October 30, 2021.

9.1. Audition material / Accompanist

Applicants should present at least 2 items of a contrasting nature, (Instrumental applicants might even consider 2 contrasting excerpts of the same work) and should bring an authorised copy of all music to be presented for scrutiny by the adjudicators. Note that applicants are solely responsible for securing the services of an accompanist, if required.

9.2. Performance time . . .It is a firm requirement that performance time at audition be contained within the limits of 7 and 12 minutes. Applicants risk dis-qualification if these limits are exceeded.

9.3. It is suggested (but not essential) that applicants should consider audition in one discipline only. Audition in more than one discipline will not necessarily afford advantage to the candidate.

9.4. Notices to applicants selected for audition will be posted no later than Tuesday, October 19, 2021.

Note: - It is expected that candidates will be accompanied by parent/s, carer or guardian at auditions and where necessary, at post audition interviews. (*See para 10 below*)

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10. Scholarship Awards/Post Audition Interviews

A panel of judges will adjudicate at auditions and make recommendations as appropriate to the Choir Management Committee. Scholarship awards will normally be determined immediately after the completion of all auditions with successful candidates being notified within the following 48 hours. However, if no immediate decision is possible, applicants still under consideration for an award may be asked to attend a post audition interview with members of the Choir Scholarship Committee, in which event they will be notified accordingly, by telephone or E-mail, on or before Tuesday, 2 November 2021.

11. Administration

Authority for the day-to-day exercise of the Choir scholarship awards rests with the Choir Scholarship Committee. However, the Choir Management Committee will at all times be responsible for over-riding administration of the program and where necessary will act accordingly.

It is emphasised that the Metropolitan Male Choir of South Australia Incorporated Scholarship awards are made at the absolute discretion of the Management Committee of ‘the Choir’ and that no correspondence with respect to award decisions will be entered into, nor will ‘the Choir’ be liable under any legal action arising therefrom.

12. Privacy / Protection

Applications will be treated as ‘confidential’. Details of a personal nature will not be disclosed publicly without prior consent of the applicant and parent/carer/guardian. Conduct of the Scholarship and any matters relating thereto will always be consistent with provisions of the Choir’s Child Protection Policy which is available on the choir’s website www.mmcsa.org/invitations/MMCSA-Scholarships/

13. Default

The Scholarship Committee will report any failure by successful applicant/s to fulfil obligations to the Choir, consistent with the terms and conditions of the award/s. Subsequent action, which may involve cessation of payments, will be determined by the Choir Management Committee.

The Choir management may not be able to accommodate difficulties that applicants have with the Scholarship timetable. While every effort will be made to accommodate preferences regarding performance times on the day of auditions, please be aware that scheduled times (once published) may not be negotiable.

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How to contact us



The Scholarship Co-Ordinator, PO Box 12, Highgate, SA 5063
Please allow sufficient time to ensure your application is received by the closing date, 12 October 2021.



0401 204 634. If unanswered please leave your name, number, and a brief message on the answering service. We will call you.



The MMCSA website provides an online contact form which will be emailed to the Scholarship Co-Ordinator.

Visit www.mmcsa.org/invitations/music-scholarships

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Application Form (please print this form)

I, [Name]....., wish to apply for the Metropolitan Male Choir 2022 Music Scholarship. If chosen, I agree to pursue musical studies to the best of my ability and to fulfil my obligations to the Choir as defined in the **General Information** relating to the Scholarship award.

Signed.....

Supporting signature – Parent, Carer or Guardian

Name.....Signed.....

Please complete the following details and return the application form, **together with 2 stamped, addressed, return envelopes (220mm) and \$10.00 entry fee** to The Scholarship Co-Ordinator, PO Box 12, HIGHGATE, SA 5063

Closing date for applications: **Saturday, October 12, 2021.**

Name: (block letters)

Address:

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Date of Birth:

Music discipline: Instrumental Vocal (please tick)

For instrumental disciplines, provide details of the instrument.

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Note: Please refer to 'Auditions' in General Information sheet

Contact Phone Nos. Business hours

After hours

Mobile.....

Email address.....

Note: Please attach personal history, referee and supporting parent, carer / guardian statements.

See General Information details attached.