

METROPOLITAN MALE CHOIR OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Scholarships 2023



INSTRUMENTAL/VOCAL Music Scholarship-2023

Metropolitan Male Choir of South Australia Inc.

("the Choir" or "MMCSA")

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Eligibility

The Metropolitan Male Choir Y2023 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, 2023.

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

2. Monetary award/s

Subject to meeting '*an appropriate standard*' as determined by the adjudicating panel, the following awards will be made

- 2.1. An amount of **Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00)** for the MMCSA award will be made to the first prize winner
- 2.2. An amount of **One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)** for the Geoff Sieben/Bill Scott award will be made to the second prize winner. The award is in recognition of Messrs Sieben's and Scott's co-ordination of the choir scholarships since its inception.
- 2.3. 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 May and December 2023.

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 be awarded to the applicant who demonstrates 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 for the Scholarship program provided 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 look to Scholarship award winners performing 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 in the Adelaide Town Hall (August-October). Each prize winner is required to participate in some MMCSA concerts to be negotiated during the term of their tenure as a scholarship holder as a condition of receiving scholarship payments.

4. Tenure

The scholarship/s will be offered for a period of 1 year from January 1 to December 31, 2023.

5. Entry fee

An entry fee of \$20.00 applies to all applications and is payable online to the 'Metropolitan Male Choir of SA Inc - BSB 065-125, account number 1038 5982 using the reference MS2023 [Your name].

6. Applications

Closing date for applications: 24 August 2022

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, 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, 2023)

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 determined by a panel of judges.
- 8.4. be available, if requested, to attend an interview before a final selection is made.
- 8.5. Submit parental/guardian consent for recording of the applicant's performance on the day.

Auditions for selected applicants will be held on 3 September 2022 at Malvern Uniting Church, cnr Marlborough St and Cambridge Tce, Malvern

9. Auditions

9.1. Audition material / Accompanist

Applicants should present at least two (2) items of a contrasting nature, (Instrumental applicants might even consider two (2) contrasting excerpts of the same work) and should forward an authorised copy of all music no later than two (2) weeks prior to the audition 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 ten (10) and fifteen (15) minutes. Applicants risk disqualification 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.

Notices to applicants selected for audition will be emailed no later than 27 August 2022

- 9.4. 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*).
- 9.5. Applicants will be invited to be photographed following their audition for use in subsequent promotional material

10. Scholarship Awards/Post Audition Interviews

Auditionees will be adjudicated by a judge or judges appointed by the MMCSA committee who will 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 72 hours. If no immediate decision is possible, applicants 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 within 72 hours of the initial audition.

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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/about/music-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 and recovery of payments, will be determined by the Choir Management Committee.

14. If an applicant lives at a disadvantageous distance from Adelaide, the committee will, at its sole discretion and subject to the availability of the streaming application, consider use of “Zoom” or a similar method to conduct the audition provided that this occurs on the same day as the auditions. This requires prior approval.

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



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



You can apply online. The MMCSA website provides online Contact and Application forms, which will be emailed to the Scholarship Co-Ordinator.

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

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Application Form (please print this form)

I, [Name]....., wish to apply for the Metropolitan Male Choir 2023 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, including your \$20.00 entry fee to

The Scholarship Co-Ordinator, PO Box 12, HIGHGATE, SA 5063

Closing date for applications: 24 August 2022

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.

(1) (2)

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.