



## About the Stella Sheppard Memorial Scholarship

**The Stella Sheppard Memorial Scholarship** is a disability specific scholarship awarded annually. The purpose of the scholarship is to enable its recipient to study at Central Coast Conservatorium.

The scholarship is non-competitive, and designed to aid and encourage its recipient to reach his or her personal potential.

Applications for **The Stella Sheppard Memorial Scholarship** will be made via an application form available through the office of Central Coast Conservatorium. Completed application forms should be returned to the Artistic Director. External application forms may be returned to the office of Central Coast Conservatorium, which will forward them to the Artistic Director.

Funding for **The Stella Sheppard Memorial Scholarship** is provided by **4everlearning**, whom will award the scholarship to the applicant who most benefits, this determination made in conjunction with a Central Coast Conservatorium Management Committee member, the Artistic Director and possibly a representative of University of Newcastle Special Education Department, should that person also be required on the panel.

The scholarship package will include a 45 minute lesson enabling specialised attention for the disability, plus a percentage of the cost of purchase and/or modification of a suitable musical instrument and its maintenance, which would be advised following discussion if required.

Flexibility of implementation will characterise **The Stella Sheppard Memorial Scholarship**, which hopes to offer a variety of opportunities of music education, participation and enjoyment for people with severe disabilities. Severity of disability will not exclude any applicant from being eligible for the scholarship. The scholarship also intends to create potential for outreach programs to enable disabled children and adults to access music tuition.

### **About Stella Sheppard**

Stella Sheppard was born 18-08-1912 in Gosford. Her musical qualifications were: London Coplege of Music - Primary Certificate at age 12; Elementary Certificate at age 13; Intermediate Certificate at age 13; Senior Certificate at age 14; Advanced Senior Certificate at age 15; Cumulative Certificate at age 16; and Diploma Certificate at age 16.

Community involvement included playing in dance bands at Narara Hall, and Physical Culture at Narara Hall, Toukley, Wyong, Kanwal, Gorokan, Budgewoi and Ourimbah between 1974 and 1985. Mrs Sheppard held 'music afternoons' in her home, which were extended to both present and past students.

Mrs Sheppard began teaching grandchildren and friends in 1976, then after registering as a Teacher with the Australian Music Examination Board in 1988, moved on to her 'profitable hobby,' taking children and adults through practical and theory exams. Her nominal fee reflected her wish to support anyone who came to her. Local eisteddfods always included several of her students, many winning top places. At the time of her death, 93, she was still teaching 25 students.

Mrs 'Shep' taught my five lively and at times, challenging children. Her kind heart saw her take on students of all abilities. Her patience and tolerance saw her devote many extra hours of tuition, ensuring students would recognise the wealth of benefits which music is seen to provide. It was this enthusiasm for music, and dedication to all abilities, given despite great variances in levels of interest and capacity, which led me to want to dedicate this scholarship in her name.

## The Stella Sheppard Memorial Scholarship

### 2018 APPLICATION FORM

The Stella Sheppard Memorial Scholarship is for a new student, with a physical disability, to enroll in a music program of lessons, musicianship (theory of music) and ensembles at the Conservatorium for the full four terms of 2018.

#### Applicant Details

First Name:	Last Name:
Residential Address:	Suburb: Postcode:
Telephone:	Mobile:
Email:	Instrument:
Age:	Date of Birth:
Place of Birth:	Citizenship Status:
If not born in Australia, show date of arrival:	

1. Why would you like a scholarship? What are your future career plans and how will the scholarship help you achieve your goals?

2. Why do you think you should be considered for this scholarship? Please attach extra paper if required.

3 What is the extent and cause of the applicant's disability, including level and type of injury? Documented confirmation by a doctor, physiotherapist or other professional is needed. Please attach relevant documentation to your application.

4. What are your sporting interests, work experience, hobbies, or aspirations? Please attach extra paper if required.

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5. Please list any special requirements needed to assist your access to the Conservatorium.

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6. Please indicate which band applies to you and/or your family or guardians gross household income.

As at July 2017

Band 1	Below \$29,000	
Band 2	\$29,000 to \$47,000	
Band 3	\$47,000 to \$80,000	
Band 4	Over \$80,000	

7. Have you received a scholarship from CCC before?  No  Yes  
If you ticked Yes, when and what was the amount? What did you spend the funds on?

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8. Do you require an instrument to be hired on your behalf? Please document instrument and size.

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**The Sponsor** (to be completed if the applicant is less than 18 years old)

<input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Dr	Full Name:
Postal Address:	Suburb: <span style="float: right;">Postcode:</span>
Telephone:	Mobile:
Email:	Relationship to the applicant:

**Scholarship Eligibility Criteria**

Central Coast Conservatorium (CCC) Scholarship recipients are selected on the following criteria:

- Australian Citizens or Permanent Residents (residing in NSW)
- Have a physical disability, or a visual or hearing impairment, and provide a statement describing how the disability impacts on his/her ability to undertake study.
- Motivation and perseverance towards goals

**Additional eligibility criteria include:**

- Should a scholarship be awarded and at some later stage it is found that the student no longer satisfies the scholarship criteria, the scholarship will be withdrawn.

**Ongoing eligibility criteria include:**

- Each successful applicant will need to become a member of CCC if they are not already.
- Each successful applicant will need to provide a photo of themselves, as well as a twice-yearly update report to CCC on the progress of their studies and how the scholarship has helped them. CCC may choose to use this material for promotional purposes.
- CCC requires recipients to achieve satisfactory progress to continue to be eligible for the CCC Scholarships.

**Terms & Conditions of Scholarship**

The applicant or, if the recipient of the grant is under 18 years old, the sponsor agrees:

1. That the details which have been entered on this application form are correct to the best of applicant's/sponsor's knowledge.
2. The funds which CCC agrees to make available under the terms of the scholarship may be utilised only for the purpose of one-to-one tuition at the CCC.
3. CCC reserves the right in its sole discretion to terminate a scholarship in the event that the student terminates, or fails to pursue in good faith, the tuition for which the said scholarship has been awarded. Further, that under such circumstances CCC shall not be further liable.
4. CCC commitment for any scholarship shall extend in the first instance from the date of acceptance to December for the applicable year of said scholarship. Any extension of said scholarship shall be subject to continued funding, and a further application being lodged by the applicant and being accepted by CCC at its sole discretion.
5. CCC may request proof of disability relevant to this application, and make such enquiries from government or other bodies as may be considered necessary for verification of information supplied in this application.

6. A selection committee from CCC will choose the successful applicants and the ongoing management of the recipient's eligibility.
7. It will be necessary for successful applicants to submit mid-year and end of year results.
8. The applicant/sponsor has read and agrees to the above Terms and Conditions.

**Agreement**

In making this application, the applicant/sponsor agrees that CCC awards scholarships under its sole discretion, and that no legal action may be taken against CCC in relation to any decision it may take to award, or not award, any scholarship or to extend or to terminate any scholarship already awarded.

Agreed by the applicant or sponsor (Print name):

Name: .....

Signed: .....

Date: .....

Witnessed by: (Witness is not to be related to either the sponsor or applicant)

Name: .....

Signed: .....

Date: .....

**Note:** This application form, once completed, should be mailed or hand delivered in a sealed envelope marked CONFIDENTIAL to  
CENTRAL COAST CONSERVATORIUM STELLAR SHEPARD SCHOLARSHIP  
Central Coast Conservatorium  
PO Box 1303  
45 Mann Street  
Gosford NSW 2250  
Or emailed to [lisa.kelly@cccmusic.nsw.edu.au](mailto:lisa.kelly@cccmusic.nsw.edu.au)

**Closing date is March 16th 2018**