



2020 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (competitive)

Each year the Central Coast Conservatorium supports about 80 students through its competitive and non-competitive scholarship programs. These programs, funded by the Conservatorium, are bolstered through the generosity of donors, supporters and sponsors from our community. This document refers specifically to our competitive program. For further information on our non-competitive scholarships please talk to one of our friendly administration staff.

Our competitive scholarships are awarded to highlight students with excellent potential and talent as well as encouraging further study and achievement at the Central Coast Conservatorium.

These scholarships include:

- **Allen Family Scholarship \$2,000, \$1,000 and \$500** (14- 22 years of age)
- **Pearl Beach Progress Association Scholarship \$1,000** (14- 20 years of age)
- **Irvine Family Piano Scholarship \$1,000** (14- 20 years of age)
- **Richard Newton Central Coast Philharmonia Choir Vocal Scholarship \$1,000** (14-18 years of age)
- **Senior Instrumental/Vocal Scholarships \$1,000** (14-18 years of age)
- **Junior Instrumental/Vocal Scholarships \$500** (13 years of age or under)

Our competitive scholarships have specific criteria so please ensure that you are applying for the correct scholarship by reading and understanding the criteria below.

There are also strict audition requirements that must be adhered to and presented to the audition panel on the audition day. It is essential that you understand the criteria and audition requirements before you apply.

Important dates:

Applications must be received by Administration by **Friday 30 August**.

Auditions for our 2020 Competitive Scholarships will be held on **Saturday 14th September 2019** at the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music.

If you work hard and are awarded a scholarship, you are therefore identified through the competitive process as a student with noteworthy potential and become an ambassador for the Conservatorium.

I hope you enjoy the audition process and gain much from the experience of performing for a professional adjudication panel.

Patrick Brennan
Artistic Director & CEO

REQUIREMENTS FOR 2020 SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS

PIANO, STRINGS, GUITAR, WOODWIND & BRASS AUDITIONS

- Two contrasting works. (*Minimum of one accompanied work with piano*)
- Technical work (ALL from Memory):
 - 2 major scales and relative arpeggios
 - 2 minor scales and relative arpeggios
- **Guitar students** may be accompanied by another guitarist
- **Piano students** do not require accompaniment
- Total audition time should be approximately 10 minutes (*Junior students*) or 15 minutes (*Senior students*)

VOCAL AUDITIONS

- Two contrasting songs with:
 - **Classical** – piano accompaniment and sung with natural voice
 - **Contemporary** – backing track and use of microphone
- Technical work (ALL from Memory):
 - 2 major scales and relative arpeggios
 - 2 minor scales and relative arpeggios

PERCUSSION AUDITIONS

- Two contrasting works:
 - Drum kit** - two different styles of music (*e.g. rock, jazz, Latin, etc.*). One piece should be accompanied by backing track.
 - Orchestral percussion** – to include one piece on mallet percussion, the other may be on snare drum, timpani, mallet percussion or multiple percussion instruments. One piece should be accompanied on piano or marimba.
- Technical work comprising of:
 - Drum kit**
 - 4 rudiments
 - Or
 - 1 rudimental study
 - Orchestral percussion**
 - 2 major scales and relative arpeggios
 - 2 minor scales and relative arpeggios
 - Or
 - 1 rudimental study

ALLEN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS

- In addition to your Instrumental/Vocal scholarship audition, you may elect to be considered for the **Allen Family Scholarship**, valued at \$2,000 (1st Place), \$1,000 (2nd Place), \$500 (3rd Place). An independent adjudicator will determine the winner of this scholarship at the Scholarship Finals held on Sunday 17 November 2019.
- An adjudication panel will assess applicants for this scholarship on **Saturday 14th September 2019** and determine the successful candidates that will proceed to the Scholarship Finals. This process will occur as part of the Senior Instrumental/Vocal Scholarship audition or as a separate audition if you are ineligible or are not applying for a Senior Instrumental/Vocal Scholarship.
- You must indicate on your application form that you wish to apply for this scholarship
- If you are only applying for the Allen Family Scholarship you must present two contrasting solo pieces of 12 to 15 minutes duration (accompanied by piano). Piano students do not require an accompaniment.
- You must be between 14 and 20 years of age at 14th September 2019 to be eligible for this scholarship.
- You should have been studying your instrument/voice for at least 3 years and be of Grade 7 AMEB minimum standard or equivalent. Please discuss this requirement with your teacher if you are unsure if you comply with the minimum standard.

- Successful applicants will be required to perform in the **Allen Family Scholarship Finals Concert**. The date of this performance is Sunday 17 November 2019. Candidates generally perform the repertoire that is presented in the panel audition but this can be altered through negotiation with the student's teacher and the Artistic Director.

PEARL BEACH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS

- In addition to your Instrumental/Vocal scholarship audition, you may elect to be considered for the **Pearl Beach Progress Association Scholarship**, valued at \$1,000. An independent adjudicator will determine the winner of this scholarship at the **Scholarship Finals** held in May 2020. The Pearl Beach Progress Association Scholarship also has an additional People's Choice award valued at \$250 that will be determined by the audience at the Scholarship Finals. The winner of Pearl Beach Progress Association Scholarship can win both awards.
- An adjudication panel will assess applicants for this scholarship on **Saturday 14th September 2019** and determine the successful candidates that will proceed to the Scholarship Finals. This process will occur as part of your Senior Instrumental/Vocal Scholarship audition or as a separate audition if you are ineligible or are not applying for a Senior Instrumental/Vocal Scholarship.
- You must indicate on your application form that you wish to apply for this scholarship
- If you are only applying for the Pearl Beach Progress Association Scholarship you must present two contrasting solo pieces of 8 to 12 minutes duration (accompanied by piano). Piano students do not require an accompaniment. Applicants also applying for the Allen Family Scholarship will be assessed at the same time on the same repertoire.
- You must be between 14 and 20 years of age at 14th September 2019 to be eligible for this scholarship.
- You should have been studying your instrument/voice for at least 3 years and be Grade 7 AMEB minimum standard or equivalent. Please discuss this requirement with your teacher if you are unsure if you comply with the minimum standard.
- Successful applicants will be required to perform in the **Pearl Beach Progress Association Scholarship Finals Concert**. This performance will be held in late May 2020. It is expected that candidates performing in the Scholarship Finals in May 2020 will perform different repertoire to that being presented at the panel audition in September 2019. This new repertoire should also be of a higher level of difficulty and standard to that being presented in the panel audition.

IRVINE FAMILY PIANO SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS

- In addition to your Instrumental scholarship audition, Piano Students may elect to be considered for the **Irvine Family Piano Scholarship**, valued at \$1,000. An independent adjudicator will determine the winner of this scholarship at the **Scholarship Finals** held in May 2020. The winner of this scholarship can also participate in and be awarded the Pearl Beach Progress Association Scholarship.
- An adjudication panel will assess applicants for this scholarship on **Saturday 14th September 2019** and determine the successful candidates that will proceed to the Scholarship Finals. This process will occur as part of your Senior Instrumental Scholarship audition or as a separate audition if you are ineligible or are not applying for a Senior Instrumental Scholarship.
- You must indicate on your application form that you wish to apply for this scholarship.
- If you are only applying for the Irvine Family Piano Scholarship you must present two contrasting solo pieces of 8 to 12 minutes duration (accompanied by piano). Applicants also applying for the Allen Family scholarship will be assessed at the same time on the same repertoire.
- You must be between 14 and 22 years of age at 14th September 2019 to be eligible for this scholarship.
- You should have been studying piano for at least 3 years and be of Grade 7 AMEB minimum standard or equivalent. Please discuss this requirement with your teacher if you are unsure if you comply with the minimum standard.
- Successful applicants will be required to perform in the **Irvine Family Scholarship Finals Concert**. This event is part for the Pearl Beach Progress Association Showcase Concert. This performance will be held in late May 2020. It is expected that candidates performing in the Scholarship Finals in May 2020 will perform different repertoire to that being presented at the panel audition on 14 September 2019.

This new repertoire should also be of a higher level of difficulty and standard to that being presented in the panel audition.

- Successful applicants are also eligible to participate in the Pearl Beach Progress Association Scholarship finals that will take place the following day. Students can elect to perform new repertoire for this competition if so desired.

RICHARD NEWTON CENTRAL COAST PHILHARMONIA CHOIR SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS

- Senior vocal students may elect to be considered for this Scholarship, valued at \$1,000.
- The Senior Instrumental/Vocal Scholarship adjudication panel will assess applicants for this scholarship on **Saturday 14th September 2019** and determine the successful candidate at this audition.
- You must indicate on your application form that you wish to apply for this scholarship
- Applicants for this scholarship must prepare and present the **Vocal Audition requirements** listed above.
- You must be between 14 and 18 years of age at 14th September 2019 to be eligible for this scholarship.
- You should have been studying voice for at least 3 years and be of Grade 7 AMEB minimum standard or equivalent. Please discuss this requirement with your teacher if you are unsure if you comply with the minimum standard.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL AUDITIONS

- General **presentation** and **performance etiquette** will be taken into consideration (i.e. proper concert performance dress is required at auditions).
- You may be asked **general knowledge** questions on repertoire and/or general commitment.
- Applicants who are permitted to use backing tracks (e.g. contemporary vocalists and percussion applicants) must provide their own backing track to the audition and indicate on the application form the type of sound equipment required for the audition.

AUDITION TIMETABLE

All auditions will take place on Saturday 14th September 2019. You will be notified of the time for your audition once the applications close on Friday 30th August 2019.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Scholarship recipients are expected to participate in a 60 minute one-to-one weekly lesson for Senior students or a 30 minute one-to-one weekly lesson plus weekly ensemble for Junior students, for the full year of the Scholarship (four terms). Piano and vocal students may take the option of an additional related weekly activity with approval from the Artistic Director (for example, Vocal students may take piano lessons or join the Central Coast Philharmonia Choir, Piano students may join the Philharmonia Choir, or enrol in Musicianship class).

CRITERIA FOR 2020 SCHOLARSHIPS

- 1) Scholarships will be applied to the students' Fees Account as follows:
 - a) Senior and Junior Instrument/Vocal Scholarships will be applied in Term 4, 2020
 - b) Encouragement Awards will be applied in Term 1, 2020
 - c) The Allen Family Scholarship will be applied in Terms 3 & 4 of 2020. In some circumstances where the student has graduated (i.e. completed lessons at the Conservatorium), the prize will be paid by bank transfer after the finals in November. It is expected that the prize money be put towards their music education.
 - d) Allen Family and Irvine Family scholarship winners must submit a 250-word essay within 2 weeks after the Scholarship Finals thanking the sponsor and explaining what they will do with their winnings.
 - e) The Pearl Beach Progress Association Scholarship will be paid to the winner within one month of the Finals being held.

- 2) Scholarship applicants must be:
 - a) currently enrolled at Central Coast Conservatorium as one-to-one students or in an ensemble wanting to take up one-to-one lessons; and
 - b) attending a minimum half hour weekly lessons; and
 - c) **Juniors** should be aged 13 or under as at September 14th 2019
 - d) **Seniors** should be aged 14 to 18 as at September 14th 2019
- 3) Professional musicians are not eligible.
- 4) Applicants must be Central Coast Conservatorium students. This includes students participating in the ensembles and musicianship classes.
- 5) Scholarships will not be awarded if the adjudicator or adjudication panel deems that there are no candidates of a sufficient standard.
- 6) Students with outstanding or overdue fees are ineligible to apply for the scholarship program.
- 7) Scholarships will not be awarded to students with outstanding fees.
- 8) Central Coast Conservatorium reserves the right to withdraw a scholarship at any time should a student fail to demonstrate commitment or if any of the scholarship conditions are not met.
- 9) Scholarship winners from the previous year are ineligible to apply for the same scholarship.
- 10) Panel auditions will be conducted at Central Coast Conservatorium at times set by the Artistic Director and Management.
- 11) The Conservatorium will notify you of your accompanist for the audition day. Central Coast Conservatorium will cover the cost of the accompanist for the audition. However, the student must pay the accompanist's costs for rehearsals. All accompanist rehearsals must be paid for through the Administration office.
- 12) Times and dates for auditions cannot be changed under any circumstances.
- 13) The decision of the adjudicator(s) will be final and no dialogue or correspondence will be entered into.
- 14) Requirements for scholarship auditions are listed above, are obtainable from instrumental teachers, and will also be displayed on notice boards at the Conservatorium and on our website.
- 15) Finalists for the Allen Family Scholarship will perform at the Allen Family Scholarship Finals and Awards Ceremony on Sunday 17 November at Greenway Memorial Chapel, Green Point. The winners will be announced at the adjudication prior to the conclusion of the event.
- 16) Finalists for the Pearl Beach Progress Association Scholarship will perform at the scholarship finals in late May 2020 at the Pearl Beach Progress Hall, Pearl Beach. The winners will be announced at the adjudication prior to the conclusion of the event.
- 17) All winners will be invited to perform at the Annual Sponsors' Concert, which will be held in October 2020 (date to be confirmed).
- 18) Irvine Family Piano Scholarship winners will be invited to perform at the Pearl Beach Scholarship Concert in May 2020 and at the Pearl Beach Progress Association Glee Club Concert in August 2020 (dates to be confirmed).

Applications will only be accepted on the Online Application form

http://centralcoastconservatorium.com.au/Scholarships/scholarship_program

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON FRIDAY 30 AUGUST 2019

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

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