

TSA Music Scholarship Guidelines

Purpose

To foster and encourage the development of musical skills and appreciation in a member of the Temple Society Australia (TSA) community, through monetary funding, mentoring and support, as well as performance opportunities.

Eligibility

Any person with an association to the TSA and its community is eligible for the scholarship. Preference may be given to TSA members (for those 18 years of age and over) and to persons whom have shown prior involvement in the TSA and its community.

Selection Committee

Where possible, a three-person committee will review the applications, consisting of a Youth & Activities Focus Group member, a Brass Ensemble member, and a general TSA member. Ideally, these individuals should have some personal musical knowledge and experience.

The scholarship will be overseen by a coordinator, appointed by the Brass Ensemble and Youth & Activities Focus Group, with the approval of the TSA Office. This individual will be responsible for liaising with the successful applicant, and will provide feedback to the Brass Ensemble, Youth & Activities Focus Group, and the TSA Office about the progress of the successful applicant/s throughout the year.

Scholarship Details

The scholarship is to last one year from its awarding.

Applicants should be currently playing and learning a musical instrument.

The sum of money awarded is not set; a rough estimate will be provided to applicants each year.

The scholarship can be used for purposes including, but not limited to, music lessons, instrument upgrades, musical tours/trips and workshop attendances; applicants should specify in their written application their intended use of the money. Evidence of the money's appropriate use will need to be submitted within an appropriate timeframe following the expenditure.

The successful applicant/s is/are expected to partake in TSA community events, and to perform at such events, including, but not limited to, Saal, Sommerfest, Sondwendfeier, and Adventsfeier. There is a minimum expectation of 3-4 performances within the 12 months following the awarding of the scholarship.

Selection Process

The selection guidelines and application form will be available online on the TSA website or via contacting the TSA Office. The application window will be advertised by the TSA.

Applicants will be requested to submit a one-page document, detailing their musical instrument, musical history and experience, the intended use of the financial assistance, and a 200-word statement on how their musical tuition would benefit from the scholarship.

Following closure of the application window, a selection committee will review the applications. Applicants may be contacted if the selection committee has any questions or concerns.

The selection committee will make a final decision on the applications; the successful applicant/s will be contacted and informed of their success.

The TSA will subsequently publish notification of the award of the scholarship online and in its publications.

Finances

An account will be set up by the TSA Office, incorporating finances from the Brass Ensemble and donations from the broader community.

This money will be invested in a low-risk venture (to be overseen by the TSA Office), and the interest earned on the capital will fund the scholarship on an annual basis.

The TSA Office will have responsibility for overseeing and maintaining these funds.