



NORWOOD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Pilot Program 2018–19

1. General information

The Norwood Symphony Orchestra Music Scholarship is a program aimed at supporting South Australian students, aged 17 to 25, to pursue a career in classical music performance. This initiative forms part of the orchestra's ongoing strategy to foster ties with local performing musicians and promote classical music in the community. In its pilot phase (2018–19), the scholarship program will consist of at least two financial prizes, valued at \$2000 and \$1000, to be awarded in September 2019, and will be co-funded by the Norwood Symphony Orchestral Society Inc. and public donations.

2. Key dates

- Monday 17 June 2019 – online applications open
- Friday 12 July 2019 – application closing date
- Monday 29 July to Friday 9 August 2019 – audition period for short-listed applicants
- Friday 16 August 2019 – applicants notified of result
- Sunday 8 September 2019 – prizes awarded at Norwood Symphony Orchestra concert

3. Scholarship prizes

In its pilot phase, at least two financial prizes will be awarded. The first prize will be \$2000 and the second prize will be \$1000. The Norwood Symphony Orchestra committee may elect to award additional prizes depending on the quality of applicants, the level of public donations received, and the financial position of the association.

4. Eligibility

Applications are open to classical instrumental or vocal music students aged 17 to 25 inclusive (as at the application closing date), who are enrolled full-time at a South Australian secondary school or university. As a guide, applicants are recommended to be at a minimum AMEB Grade 8 standard. Members of the Norwood Symphony Orchestra and donors to the scholarship program, along with their immediate families, are ineligible to apply.

5. Selection process

- Online applications will be accepted through the Norwood Symphony Orchestra website (www.norwoodorchestra.com) from Monday 17 June to Friday 12 July 2019. A \$10 application fee is payable by direct deposit or cheque.
- Applicants will be short-listed by the Norwood Symphony Orchestra conductor and committee with regard to technical ability, performance experience, intended use of prize

money, other awards received, and a referee statement. Those short-listed applicants will be invited to attend an audition during the period from Monday 29 July to Friday 9 August 2019. Note that the audition date and time may be negotiable given the applicant's personal circumstances.

- Exact audition requirements will be advised closer to the date, but as a guide, applicants should be prepared to perform one or more items (accompanied or unaccompanied) of up to 10 minutes in total. The adjudicating panel will comprise the Norwood Symphony Orchestra conductor, one representative of the committee, and an independent music professional.
- Following the audition process, all applicants will be notified of the outcome by no later than Friday 16 August 2019. The panel's decision will be final and appeals will not be considered.
- Successful applicants will be awarded their prizes at the Norwood Symphony Orchestra concert on Sunday 8 September 2019.

6. Use of funds

Scholarship recipients are expected to apply the prize money towards a purpose stated in their application form, aimed at furthering their development as a musician over the 12 month period following the award. This may include (but is not limited to) music tuition fees, travel costs associated with musical study, or the purchase of musical instruments. The Norwood Symphony Orchestra committee will be responsible for overseeing the use of the prize money, and if deemed inappropriate, will act accordingly.

7. Public donations

- Members of the public are encouraged to support the Norwood Symphony Orchestra Music Scholarship by making donations through the Norwood Symphony Orchestra Development Fund. Your generous gift will offer great support to young musicians in South Australia.
- From 1 July 2018 to 12 July 2019 (the application closing date), all donations to the development fund are planned to be distributed to the 2019 prize recipients.
- Donations can be made by cash, cheque, direct deposit, or credit/debit card online. Details are available on the orchestra's website (www.norwoodorchestra.com/donate).
- The Norwood Symphony Orchestra Development Fund is a tax-deductible fund listed on the Australian Government's Register of Cultural Organisations maintained under Subdivision 30-B of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. Donations of \$2.00 or more are tax-deductible.

8. Privacy

Applications will be treated as 'confidential'. Personal details and results of the selection process will only be distributed amongst the Norwood Symphony Orchestra committee and adjudicating panel members.

9. Review of program pilot phase

The Norwood Symphony Orchestra committee will review the program upon completion of the pilot phase in September 2019 and decide whether to extend it into future years.

10. Further information

For any questions or enquiries, please contact the Norwood Symphony Orchestra secretary (secretary@norwoodorchestra.com).