

Sacred Heart Cathedral Choir Scholarships 2020



VALUABLE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS ATTENDING A LOCAL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL or CATHOLIC SECONDARY in the BENDIGO region TO SING IN THE SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL CHOIR.

In addition to learning to read music and work as a member of a team, choir members are exposed to an extensive repertoire of music ranging from the 10th to the 21st centuries. Many pieces of music have been specially written for the Cathedral Choir.

The present Cathedral Choir was founded in 1857, for the opening of the stone St Kilian's Church and moved to Sacred Heart Cathedral when it opened in 1901. The choir stands proudly in the great tradition of Catholic church music, its repertoire ranging from Gregorian chant to compositions by contemporary composers, some specially composed for it.

Sacred Heart Cathedral Choir scholarships are offered by the Diocese of Sandhurst to support the liturgical music program of the Cathedral and diocesan liturgies.

Holders of these scholarships are usually educated at a Catholic secondary college or a Catholic primary schools in the Bendigo region. Alongside their involvement in the musical and spiritual life of the Cathedral, scholarship holders also contribute, as students, in the musical life of their schools.

The scholarship scheme provides an opportunity for girls and boys with appropriate musical talent to receive an academic schooling of the highest quality at Bendigo's finest Catholic schools, alongside an exceptional musical education in the Cathedral Choir.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for these scholarships, girls and boys must ***normally*** be able to enrol in Year 5 at a Catholic Primary School or any year

level at a catholic secondary college in the year in which the scholarship is taken up. In special circumstances, girls and boys may also be admitted to a scholarship earlier than Grade 5.

SELECTION

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of an audition, and students must satisfy normal entrance requirements of their school. The audition will include the singing of *Silent Night*, or *Advance Australia Fair*, or *Happy Birthday*, ear tests where a candidate has to sing back notes played to them, as well as a short reading of a simple story. Candidates who play (or intend to play) a musical instrument are well suited to the challenges of a cathedral chorister.

DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Subject to annual review of musical and academic performance, and demonstration of the appropriate level of commitment and participation, choral scholarships extend to the completion of Year 12 at Catholic school in the area.

REQUIREMENTS OF CHORAL SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

- Members of the Cathedral Choir are required to be fully involved in the activities of the Choir from the beginning of Term 1 until Christmas Day each year.
- Scholarship holders are required to attend **regular** rehearsals and services, normally at the following times **or** at alternative times to be announced:

Rehearsals: Each Thursday from 6.30pm – 8.00pm rehearsals at the Cathedral **AND**
Sunday usually beginning at 10.00am for rehearsal before the 11.00am Mass at the Cathedral.

- In addition to the above **regular** requirements, Cathedral Choir Members are expected to attend **special** rehearsals and services as required from time to time. These would include services during Holy Week and other special occasions.

FINANCIAL TERMS FOR SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

- Part-remission of Tuition Fees at a Catholic School in the Bendigo region. The scholarship will be worth \$1200.00 in 2020.

AUDITIONS

Auditions for a place in this famous, friendly and vibrant choir which has just celebrated its 162 year will be held in the Cathedral Choir Room on Saturday December 14, 2019, beginning at 8.30am in the Choir Room at Sacred Heart

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

The Organist & Director of Music,
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APPLICATIONS should be addressed as above, on the prescribed form (next page).

REGISTRATION

APPLICATION FOR CHORAL SCHOLARSHIP - 2020

Applications close: Friday 13 December 2019

Audition: Saturday 14, December 2019

(time will be advised)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLIED FOR:

SURNAME (BLOCK LETTERS) _____

STUDENT'S CHRISTIAN NAMES _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ **RELIGION** _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ **POSTCODE** _____

HOME TELEPHONE _____ **E-MAIL** _____

PARENTS' NAMES: FATHER _____ **MOTHER** _____

BUSINESS TELEPHONE:

FATHER _____ **MOTHER** _____

What school is your child currently attending? _____

What Grade/Year Level are they in? -----

Are there any other children currently attending a Catholic School? **YES** _____
NO _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN: _____

INFORMATION SHEET

PLEASE COMPLETE:

Brief details of any previous choral experience:

Details of any instrumental tuition/experience:

Please return the Information and Application forms to:

**The Organist & Director of
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Please post the applications to arrive before Friday December 13 or email them in