

PATRICIA LONG CONSERVATORIUM HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

The Patricia Long Conservatorium High School Scholarship was established with the proceeds of the estate of the late Patricia Long. This scholarship helps talented musicians attend the Conservatorium High School. The scholarship is offered to a student whose financial circumstances are such that they would substantially benefit from this scholarship.

The recipient of the Patricia Long Conservatorium High School Scholarship will receive financial support of up to \$2,500 for each year they remain enrolled as a student at the Conservatorium High School.

They will continue to receive the scholarship whilst they remain enrolled at the Conservatorium High School, make satisfactory progress in their studies and maintain an acceptable attendance record. The maximum period of support for any individual scholar will be six years.

The scholarship is to cover musical and educational expenses such as:

- Purchase of a musical instrument relevant to their musical studies
- Musical tuition
- Uniforms and other equipment
- Stationery and books
- Laptop
- Course or study related software
- Printer
- Excursions and camps

If the student leaves the Conservatorium High School during the scholarship period, the scholarship will lapse. ***Please note - if a student's attendance rate falls below an acceptable level at any time during the duration of the scholarship, the scholarship may be withdrawn.*** Any unspent monies at the end of the scholarship period must be refunded to the Public Education Foundation scholarship fund.

Before applying for this scholarship, please ensure that you read the [scholarship terms and conditions available on our website](#).

BASIC ELIGIBILITY

- ***Usually*** currently enrolled in Year 6 (in 2025) but can be a secondary student transferring to the Conservatorium
 - Applied to commence studies at the Conservatorium High School from 2026
 - Australian citizen or permanent resident
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SELECTION CRITERIA

- Potential to do well at the Conservatorium High School and be able to demonstrate that the scholarship will make a significant contribution to reaching their musical ambitions
- Assessment of all round musical potential based on the audition and assessment process of the Conservatorium High School
- Commitment to study at the Conservatorium High School

SELECTION PROCESS

A selection panel will review all scholarship applications and assess them against the selection criteria. The selection panel will include representatives of the Public Education Foundation, a representative from the Conservatorium High School and independent experts. After considering all applications, the selection panel will recommend the selected applicant for the approval of the Public Education Foundation's Board. Successful applicants will be notified in December 2025.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome via email. If successful, the scholarship recipient's school will also receive notification directly.

How To Apply

All applications for the Patricia Long Conservatorium High School Scholarship must be submitted via the Foundation's online portal. You will need to sign up for a [PEF-Apply](#) account to access the form. ***Note – All sections of the application, including the Principal's Supporting Statement must be completed before the application can be submitted.***

Applicants should select the *Conservatorium High School Music Scholarships*.

Prior to starting your application, you should compile the following information ready to submit:

- Applicant details including:
 - full name
 - gender
 - date of birth
 - phone number
 - address
 - email (***please ensure you nominate an email account you regularly access***)
- Residence status (copy of residency Visa or Citizenship certificate is a requirement for applicants born outside of Australia)
- Parent/guardian details (at least one but up to two)
 - name
 - phone number
 - relationship to student
 - email (***please ensure you nominate an email account you regularly access***)
- School details:
 - name of school
 - address
 - principal name
 - email
- School Point of Contact – the person at the school who you would like correspondence sent to – name, phone number and email

- Basic information about you / your family:
 - whether you are Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, or Pacific or South Sea Islander
 - your mob/family/traditional owner/language group
 - if you are from a Non-English-Speaking Background
 - country of origin of your parents and yourself
 - which languages you speak and are spoken at home
 - how many adults live in your home
 - how many of those adults are working
 - who is the primary caregiver at home
 - how many other school aged (or younger) children live in your house
 - highest education qualification of your immediate family
 - if you have a diagnosed disability or learning difficulty
 - whether you have been in out-of-home care
 - socio-economic background
 - how you found out about the scholarship
- Which instrument/s you play
- A statement outlining why you are a suitable candidate for this scholarship and how you meet each of the selection criteria. Please also include details of your musical goals. (maximum 400 words)
- A copy of all pages of your most recent school report ready to upload
- A reference from your Music Teacher (PDF or Word format, maximum 400 words) ***Please advise your referee that our Panels are not in a position to contact them for additional information. The reference should provide all information they feel is relevant.***
- A supporting statement from your Principal which addresses the selection criteria (the applicant must initiate a request to the Principal ***via the online application***. This will result in an email being sent to the Principal asking them to ***complete a statement of support online***). ***This statement must be completed by your Principal before the application can be submitted.***

APPLICANTS PLEASE NOTE – the Principal statement must be from your CURRENT Principal, NOT the Conservatorium High School.

Note for Principals: Please be aware that your statement is a critical component of the application form and your feedback is given considerable weight in the process of panel deliberations. The panels are looking for feedback that goes well beyond simple confirmation that the student is enrolled in your school, or that you endorse the application. Generic responses, or copy/paste responses from the applicants or referees' statements will disadvantage the applicant.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Once you have finalised your application and all elements are complete (including references as required) you can submit it for review.

Applications must be submitted by 5:00pm on Friday, 26 September 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Call the Public Education Foundation on 02 7814 2806 or email us at scholarships@publiceducationfoundation.org.au.

We also encourage you to visit our website to learn more about the Foundation and the work that we do - www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au