



Dunedin Symphony Scholarship for Orchestral Instrumental Performance

Dunedin Symphony Orchestra (DSO) wishes to encourage study and performance of orchestral instruments at the University of Otago. The purpose of this scholarship is to foster the performance careers of exceptionally talented musicians who have demonstrated a strong and clear commitment to an orchestral career.

The orchestra will annually award a \$5,000 scholarship to a music performance student studying an orchestra; instrument such as: violin, viola, cello, double bass, flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, French horn, trumpet, tuba or trombone. The DSO reserves the right not to award the scholarship in any one year, and the right to give preference to a student of an instrument that best suits the needs of the DSO at that time.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- ♦ Be enrolling for the first year of MusB performance on an orchestral instrument.
- ♦ Permanently reside in another centre – i.e. outside Dunedin metropolitan centre.
- ♦ Be a New Zealand citizen or a New Zealand Permanent Resident.
- ♦ Pass the Department of Music entrance audition, live or by DVD, as well as the DSO's audition which will be held simultaneously.

Application Process

Applicants are required, by the scholarship closing date, to submit an application form including:

- ♦ A letter of endorsement from their school principal or 7th year dean or music teacher.
- ♦ A letter stating their career aspirations and goals.
- ♦ NCEA or equivalent school results.

Shortlisted applicants must also attend an interview (distance interviews will be allowed) and undertake auditions for the Department of Music and DSO of which dates are to be advertised.

Selection Process

The Selection Committee, consisting of the Head of the Department of Music (or nominee), the General Manager of the DSO (or nominee), and a representative from the Development and Alumni Relations Office and/or the Doctoral and Scholarships Office, shall consider the following factors in awarding the scholarship:

- ♦ Successful audition and acceptance into the University of Otago Music programme
- ♦ Demonstrated excellence in performance on the selected instrument (it is expected the candidate would be of Grade 8 or LTCL standard)
- ♦ Evidence of orchestral experience and commitment to an orchestral career
- ♦ Involvement in community musical groups
- ♦ Demonstrated leadership capacity

Financial Arrangements

- ♦ The scholarship will be in the form of a tuition fee or accommodation fee rebate up to the value of \$5,000 for the year of study for which the award is made. If the accommodation rebate is chosen, then accommodation must be in a University of Otago Residential College. No monies will be paid to the student.
- ♦ Recipients will also have the privilege of playing for the DSO as a benefit of the scholarship and are eligible for pay (subject to PAYE or Withholding Tax) for performance services.
- ♦ The recipient is guaranteed a residential place at Knox College. If accepting this place, the recipient needs to complete the enrolment for the College, plus pay its required fees.

Tenure

- ♦ The Scholarship is awarded annually for a one-year period.
- ♦ The Scholarship may be held in conjunction with another award.

Other Requirements

The University of Otago and DSO reserve the right to use the name, photograph, and details of the successful candidate for advertising and publicity. The scholarship holder must agree to be reasonably available to participate in interviews and promotional activities if requested by the University of Otago and DSO.