

2017 NECOM & DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

1. The New England Conservatorium of Music, with funding support from the NSW Department of Education (DoE), provides extension activities and support for Gifted and Talented students through its annual scholarship program.
2. A NECOM/DoE scholarship is not a monetary award but provides specialised enrichment opportunities for students, including masterclasses with visiting prominent musicians, general workshops, occasional concert tickets (2017 calendar year), in addition to other training and performance opportunities as they arise throughout the year.
3. Scholarships are open to music students enrolled in programs at the New England Conservatorium of Music. This includes students of Conservatorium teaching staff and students of NECOM Music Educator Members.
4. Gifted and talented students of **advanced** level may apply in the categories of strings, piano, woodwinds, recorder, brass and voice. A Chamber Ensemble may also apply for a scholarship. As a guide, the levels for individual students are:
AMEB Gde 6 & above - Piano; Strings; Recorder AMEB Gde 5 & above – Brass; Woodwinds; Voice
5. Applications must be lodged by **5pm Friday 18 November 2016** to the Conservatorium.
6. Applications must include:
 - a) Completion of 2017 Scholarship Application Form
 - b) Recording of student performance (*see point 7 below)
 - c) Copies of the music for the Selection Panel
 - d) Report from their music teacher or tutor (or school music teacher) indicating the applicant's musical aptitude, attainment, commitment and potential
 - e) Recent music examination reports (if applicable) and/or Eisteddfod reports (if applicable).
7. *Scholarship applicants must submit a **recorded audition performance** (CD recording OR Youtube video) of TWO contrasting works. Applicants may use an accompanist if they wish but it is not compulsory.
8. The Scholarship Selection Panel will be chaired by the Director of the Conservatorium.
9. Applicants will be assessed on skill and merit demonstrated in the recorded performances, Exam and/or Eisteddfod reports, general musical activities in the community, and their Teacher's Report.
10. The Scholarships offered in December 2016 will be tenable for the 2017 calendar year.
11. The Scholarship holder will be required to perform in Conservatorium or community concerts if required, with Conservatorium instrumental ensembles or choirs, and maintain their existing commitments to school groups or the Armidale Youth Orchestra.
12. A Scholarship student who needs to vary their lesson attendance and/or performance contributions must inform their teacher and the Director in writing, at least three (3) weeks ahead of the event.
13. The Selection Panel's decision in all matters will be final. **Correspondence will not be entered into.**

Applications close on Friday 18 November 2016, 5pm
Notification of Scholarship Awards will be made in early December 2016.