

Theodore Kuchar Scholarship For Excellence in Music Developing Townsville's Most Talented Young Musicians

Background

The Townsville City Council has a long history of supporting arts and cultural events in the city. One of the City's signature events is the Australian Festival of Chamber Music (AFCM). Commencing in 1990, through the vision of Theodore Kuchar, the AFCM has developed into one of Australia's most significant cultural events. Theodore Kuchar's contribution has enhanced and developed Townsville's cultural identity both nationally and internationally. Now, in recognition of Theodore Kuchar's outstanding contribution, the Townsville City Council in partnership with the AFCM, has initiated this unique scholarship as part of the Council's Youth Opportunity Fund.



*2016 Theodore Kuchar Scholarship
winner Florence Cappler-Shillington*

The Scholarship

The Theodore Kuchar Scholarship has been developed to support young emerging Townsville orchestral musicians with the costs of tuition and professional development. The Scholarship awards a Year Eleven student with \$4,000, to be used to pay for instrumental tuition and/or professional development. The scholarship will be \$2,000 per year for two years, paid during Years Eleven and Twelve.

Objectives

The program's main objectives are to:

- Support a young emerging Townsville artist by offering a scholarship.
- Increase opportunities for creative and skills development at an advanced level.

Key Dates

- Monday 8 August 2016 - Applications open.
- Friday 14 October 2016 - Applications close.
- Monday 17 October 2016 - Successful applicants notified of audition time and venue.
- Saturday 29 October 2016 - Auditions.
- Monday 31 October 2016 - Successful applicant announced.

Assessment Criteria

Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:

1. Standard of performance at an audition where the applicant performs two pieces of contrasting styles. Applicant's performance to be no longer than 10 minutes. Please note that works performed, other than those written for solo instrument, must be accompanied. Please contact AFCM if you need assistance with this. Ph 4771 4144.
2. The quality of submitted resume (maximum three pages) including results and full examiners' reports from the past two years and any prizes and associated adjudication reports.
3. Recommendations of two referees, one of whom must be the applicant's current instrumental music teacher.

Applicants will be invited to audition based on the strength of their application. Applicants are welcome to engage an accompanist for their audition.

Applicant Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the scholarship the applicant must be:

- An Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia.
- A resident in the Townsville City Council local government area.
- Learning an orchestral instrument.
- Achieved a minimum Grade Four practical level from AMEB, ANZCA or Trinity College syllabi.
- Entering Year Eleven in 2017.

Frequency of Scholarship

A new scholarship will be awarded each year. Each year there will be two scholarship recipients - one being from the year before and a new recipient for the current year.

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY ONLINE](#)

Or copy and paste the following into your browser -

<https://fs11.formsite.com/teamafcm/form49/index.html>

For more information about the 2016 Theodore Kuchar Scholarship please contact the Festival Office on 07 4771 4144 or email info@afcm.com.au.