



Organ Society of Queensland Inc.

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OSQ ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES (Dated January 2024)

1. Organ Scholarships are offered by the Organ Society of Queensland Inc. (OSQ) to encourage young keyboard musicians to study the art of organ playing. Applicants may be organ novices or have some experience in organ performance.
2. The OSQ Management Committee offers two types of Organ Scholarships – Full Scholarships and Half Scholarships. The decision regarding the awarding of a Scholarship and the type of scholarship offered rests entirely with the OSQ Management Committee.
3. Applicants need be resident in Queensland and must continue their residency in Queensland during the period of the Scholarship.
4. Organ Scholarship funds are provided for assistance with payment for organ lessons from a recognised and qualified organ teacher, as deemed by the OSQ Committee.
5. The Management usually awards Half Scholarships but a Full Scholarship may be awarded in special circumstances.
6. The funds are provided to the organ teacher, up to a maximum of the current recommended fees of the Music Teachers Association of Queensland (MTAQ).
7. The OSQ Scholarship Application Form and Scholarship Guidelines are available on the OSQ website.
8. The Application Form requires details of the student's musical background and current level of musical performance, along with a statement of the student's future vision for organ studies.
9. Candidates are required to submit names of at least one suitable music referee. The referee may be a current or former music teacher or other relevant knowledgeable musical person.
10. Completed Application Forms should be sent to the OSQ Secretary (as shown on the OSQ website).
11. The OSQ Management Committee will look more favourably on applicants who are competent playing the piano as well as reading music.
12. The OSQ Management Committee may consider the financial circumstances of an applicant and look more favourably on one who would not be able to learn the organ without the Scholarship.
13. The OSQ Management Committee may request an interview with an applicant and a short audition on either the organ or the piano.
14. The OSQ Management Committee may assist in selecting a suitable organ teacher if requested.
15. Scholarship funds will be paid each term (10 weeks) to the teacher providing the tuition upon receipt by the OSQ Treasurer of an invoice and a progress report from the teacher.
16. Scholarship holders are required to submit a written report at the end of the 12-month period detailing their progress. [This is in addition to the reports provided by the organ teacher each term.]
17. Throughout the term of the scholarship, the OSQ Management Committee will review the progress reports of the scholarship-holder's teacher to monitor progress. Satisfactory progress will be determined at the sole discretion of the management committee. If, after consultation with the teacher and interviewing the student, progress is deemed to be not satisfactory, the management committee may terminate the scholarship.
18. The term of a Scholarship is one year, but it may be extended for one more year if progress has been satisfactory (as deemed by the OSQ Management Committee). The maximum term is normally two years, but further awards will be considered on a case-by-case basis if requested.