



Blayney Shire Council in conjunction with
Mitchell Conservatorium (MC), Bathurst & Orange Regional Conservatorium (ORC)

Application for Music Tuition Scholarship 2026

Open to students aged 7 – 18 years inclusive, who live in the Blayney Shire

Office use only: Proof
of Blayney residency
sighted

Auditions will be held in 22 November 2025 at Blayney Shire Community Centre, 41 Church Street, Blayney.

This form must be returned fully completed by **18 November 2025**

N.B. Late applications will NOT be accepted.

Job No: **11200710.166**

Office use only:
Receipt number:

Entry fee: \$11.00 incl. GST (non-refundable) payable to Blayney Shire Council.

ABN 47 619 651 511

Applicant Surname _____ Applicant First Name _____

Address _____

Contact phone numbers _____

Email _____ Date of birth _____

Parent/Caregiver Name _____

School Enrolled at _____

I wish to apply for a scholarship on _____ (Instrument/voice)

Number of years you have been learning this instrument _____

(If you wish to audition on more than one instrument please use a separate form for each one.)

A program of **two contrasting pieces or songs** is required. – Copies of the music **MUST** be provided for the adjudicators.

Ensure ALL four sections below (title, composer, approx. length and accompanist) are completed.

Title	Composer	Approx. duration
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Name of Accompanist (if required) _____

(NB the accompanist must be arranged by you; whilst an accompanist is preferable a professional backing CD will be accepted.)

Current teacher _____

Previous teacher/s (if applicable) _____

Last examination results (if applicable) copies of these results must be provided for the adjudicators

Practical

Name of Exam Body (AMEB etc.) _____

Instrument _____ or Voice Grade _____ Year _____ Result _____

Music Craft / Musicianship / Theory

Name of Exam Body (AMEB etc.) _____

Music Craft / Musicianship / Theory (circle one) Grade _____ Year _____ Result _____

Briefly explain why you believe you deserve a Blayney Shire Scholarship (must be written and signed by each applicant).

List your main musical activities over the past twelve months:

TEACHER'S REPORT: This section must be completed by your instrumental teacher – it should indicate musical aptitude, attainment and potential. A separate sheet may be attached.

PLEASE READ & RETAIN THE ATTACHED SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS BEFORE SIGNING & RETURN TO:

Blayney Shire Council, 91 Adelaide St, Blayney NSW 2799
Phone 6368 2104

I have read and accept all Scholarship Conditions

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Student's Signature _____

Date _____

Teacher's Signature _____

Date _____

Check list Are all areas completed?

Enclosures: Copies of music ☐ Copies of Exam results ☐ Entry Fee ☐

INFORMATION ONLY – DO NOT RETURN WITH APPLICATION

PLEASE NOTE:

- The following equipment will be provided at the audition; piano, CD player (for backing tracks), music stand & chair.
- All other equipment is to be provided by the applicant e.g. instrument other than piano, guitar amp, drum kit and so on.

2026 Blayney Shire Music Scholarship

To provide one full scholarship and one encouragement award for one year, for students between 7 and 18 years (inclusive) who live in the Blayney Shire and wish to further their music studies. Scholarships will be awarded for tuition at Orange Regional Conservatorium (ORC) and Mitchell Conservatorium, Bathurst (MC).

Adjudicators will include representatives from Blayney Shire Council, ORC and MC.

The tuition program will include a mix of practical and theoretical components, tailored to meet the individual student's needs, with the specifics of the program to be negotiated after the award is made.

Basic Criteria & Program

Applicants must want to progress their studies in music and be able to demonstrate a commitment to the same. Applicants with a demonstrated financial need will be given priority consideration.

Scholarships will include, in the normal course; tuition, musicianship and ensemble activity. Each program will be individually tailored by the relevant Conservatorium to meet the recipient's specific needs.

Selection criteria to include:

- Demonstrated track record; contribution to the Blayney community
- Commitment to further music studies; undertake practical & theory exam
- Potential
- Musicality
- Financial need
- Parents/guardians commitment to travel/attendance
- Compliance with the conditions, policies and procedures of the relevant Conservatorium where the scholarship is awarded

Scholarships to commence from Term 1, 2026.

Other Conditions

- Blayney scholarship holders may not concurrently hold an award from ORC or MC.
- Successful applicants need to:
 - o Comply with Conservatoriums conditions, policies and procedures
 - o Attend core performance commitments
 - o Attend agreed community performances, including a joint ORC and MC coordinated concert to be held in the Blayney Shire where certificates will be presented to scholarship winners after completing their first year of studies under the program.
 - o Be available for media/promotions
- Applicant must be a resident of Blayney Shire; proof of Blayney Shire residency must be provided when lodging application (rates notice/letter from renting agents).
- Scholarship cannot be awarded to the same individual within a 12 month period after the award year – exceptions to be considered on merits.
- Decision of the adjudication panel is final; no correspondence will be entered into.