



# AUSTRALIAN PASTORAL MUSICIAN NETWORK

# SCHOLARSHIP 2025

The Australian Pastoral Musicians Network (APMN) is dedicated to promoting the art of religious music in service to the Church in Australia through education, support, networking, and advocacy, with a special focus on Australian compositions. To further this mission and empower skilled liturgical musicians, the APMN is offering two \$1,500 scholarships. These scholarships, funded by generous member contributions, aim to support emerging pastoral musicians in enhancing their skills and enriching their ministry within faith communities.

To support this mission, funding is available for, but not limited to:

- Instrumental or vocal lessons
- Conducting or choral arrangement courses
- Liturgical studies
- Participation in relevant workshops or masterclasses
- Acquisition of necessary musical resources or equipment
- Composition coaching + Studio time to record a worship song

Successful scholarship recipients have the opportunity to attend the APMN Conference and Dinner, with the APMN covering registration costs. All applicants under the age of 18 need to be accompanied by a paid conference registrant. Travel and accommodation costs may be subsidised. This optional event is a great way to network and learn.

## ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Be between fourteen (14) and thirty-five (35) years of age. Applicants under the age of 18 require permission from a legal guardian to submit this application.
- Clearly articulate how the scholarship will benefit both their personal development and their pastoral faith community.
- Provide an itemised budget outlining how the scholarship funds will be utilised.

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE - Friday 27th June 2025, 6pm**

**Contact: [secretary@apmn.org.au](mailto:secretary@apmn.org.au)**

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Scholarship applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis by a selection panel. Awards are granted based on the potential benefit to the applicant and their parish community.

To apply, please **clearly label files with your name** and submit the following via:

<https://forms.gle/z4ZyVzZ2u6fT54fa6>

1. **Curriculum Vitae/Biography** - A concise overview of your experience and participation in ministry. Include some background information and your significant achievements to date.
2. **Statement of Purpose:**  
Please answer the following questions in your statement:
  - **Budget Overview:** How will you use the scholarship funds? Provide an itemised budget overview.
  - **Personal and Professional Growth:** How will this scholarship help you grow and learn in your ministry?
  - **Community Impact:** What impact do you hope this will have as you share your enhanced gifts with your faith community?
3. **Letters of Recommendation:** Two letters of recommendation. One from your Pastor/Parish Priest is strongly recommended. Suggested other could include a parish director of music/choir, music ministry group leader, Religious Education Coordinator, school principal, music tutor/coach, Parish council member, etc
4. **Artist Portfolio:** A portfolio showcasing your musical abilities and ministry involvement. This can include any of the following:
  - Compositions or sheet music.
  - Audio recordings (MP3).
  - Music videos.
  - Photographs of your ministry in action.
  - Links to YouTube or social media platforms.

## SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION

- Applications close on .....
- If necessary, the selection panel may request a virtual interview.
- Successful applicants will be notified by Friday 11th July 2025, 6pm
- Scholarship recipients will be publicly announced at the APMN Conference in Adelaide on October 1-3, 2025.

## FOLLOW-UP REQUIREMENTS

Scholarship recipients are required to submit a follow-up report within one year of receiving the APMN Scholarship. This report may be used by APMN in newsletters, social media and/or conference events to showcase ministry in action and use of resources. The report should:

- Detail the knowledge and skills gained.
- Explain how these learnings will be implemented within their parish community.
- Provide a detailed accounting of how the scholarship funds were spent.



# AUSTRALIAN PASTORAL MUSICIAN NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP 2025 - APPLICANT CHECKLIST

Before submitting your application, please ensure you have included all of the following:

**Curriculum Vitae/Biography:**

- ☐ A concise overview of your musical background and experience.

**Statement of Purpose:**

Addressing the following questions:

- ☐ Budget Overview: A detailed budget outlining how the scholarship funds will be used.
- ☐ Personal and Professional Growth: Explanation of how the scholarship will help you grow and learn in your ministry.
- ☐ Community Impact: Description of the impact you hope to have on your faith community by sharing your enhanced gifts.

**Two Letters of Recommendation:**

- ☐ Two letters of recommendation.

**Artist Portfolio:** Showcasing your musical abilities and ministry involvement (include any applicable items):

- ☐ Compositions or sheet music.
- ☐ Audio recordings (MP3).
- ☐ Music videos.
- ☐ Photographs of your ministry in action.
- ☐ Links to YouTube or social media platforms.

**Confirmation of Eligibility:**

- ☐ You are between fourteen (14) and thirty-five (35) years of age.
- ☐ Applicants under the age of 18 have permission from a guardian to submit this application.

**Understanding of Conference Attendance:**

- ☐ You understand that by invitation, conference and dinner registration costs are included in the scholarship. All applicants under the age of 18 need to be accompanied by a paid conference registrant. Travel and accommodation costs may be subsidised on a case by case basis.

**Understanding of Follow-Up Requirements:**

- ☐ You understand that you are required to submit a follow-up report within one year of receiving the APMN Scholarship.
- ☐ You understand the report may be used by APMN in newsletters, social media and/or conference events to showcase ministry in action.

**Submission via** <https://forms.gle/z4ZyVzZ2u6fT54fa6>

- ☐ All materials have been submitted through the designated online portal before the closing date/time - Friday 27th June 2025, 6pm