

## Open Academy at the Con - Rising Stars Bursary Program

The Sydney Conservatorium of Music is committed to ensuring that the study of music is available to all who wish to do so. To help facilitate this, the Conservatorium makes available a number of bursaries each year for the students in the Rising Stars program.

The bursaries are means tested i.e. are for families on low incomes. Parents seeking support by way of bursary should complete the attached application form and return it to the Open Academy.

A limited number of full bursaries are available supported by the Patricia H. Reid Endowment Trust. In addition, and subject to available funds, the Open Academy can offer additional bursaries to the value of 50% of the semester's fees. All Applications will be assessed the same way, and if a bursary is offered it only can be used to offset the fees of the core program (Instrumental Lessons, Music Skills Classes and Performance Practice). Bursaries are not available for elective courses (Chamber Music, Composition etc). The bursary will be for a period of one year and is subject to satisfactory performance by the student. Parents are welcome to reapply in subsequent years.

Information received in the application will be treated in the strictest confidence and in accordance with state privacy legislation.

Applications must be received by **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026**. If you are sending documents in the mail, please ensure you send them to arrive by this date. Late applications cannot be accepted.

### ***Bursary Application Process***

1. Complete the application form (4 pages)
2. Attach a copy of your:
  - Tax Return 2024/2025 Notice of Assessment (Individual, Company and Trust as applicable)
  - and/or Centrelink Assessment Notice (if applicable)
3. Return this form with the attached documents to [marcus.hodgson@sydney.edu.au](mailto:marcus.hodgson@sydney.edu.au) or by post with the following details;

Private and Confidential  
Conservatorium Open Academy  
Sydney Conservatorium of Music  
Macquarie Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

*If you have any questions about this form or the Bursary program please contact:*

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## Application - Rising Stars Program Bursary 2026

<b>Student's Name</b>			
<b>School Name</b>		<b>School Year 2026</b>	

<b>Student's Name 2</b>			
<b>School Name</b>		<b>School Year 2026</b>	

### GENERAL INFORMATION

	<b>Parent/ Guardian 1</b>	<b>Parent/ Guardian 2</b>
Name		
Address		
Suburb		
Postcode		
Occupation		
Employer		
Phone number (day time)		
Relationship to student 1		
Relationship to student 1		
Total number of dependent children		
Relationship to Parent/Guardian 1		

## INCOME DETAILS

Description (all figures per annum)	Parent/ Guardian 1	Parent/ Guardian 2	Notes (Insert details e.g. type of benefit)
Gross salary (annual sum pre- tax)			
Investment income			

Description (all figures per annum)	Parent/ Guardian 1	Parent/ Guardian 2	Notes (Insert details e.g. type of benefit)
Business Income			
Family Tax Benefit A			
Family Tax Benefit B			
Other Centrelink benefits			
Other Income			
<b>Total Income</b>			

## EXPENSES

Description	Parent/ Guardian 1	Parent/ Guardian 2	Notes Details/comments
Tax			
Accommodation (Rent/Mortgage)			
Living expenses – Utilities, food etc			
School Fees (for Rising Stars students)			
School Fees (other dependants)			
Other expenses			
<b>Total Expenses</b>			

<b>Net Income</b> Income – Expenses			
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If your Net Income is negative, please describe how the deficit is being financed.

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#### ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Description	Owned by	Current value	Mortgage/ Loan Owing	Net Equity
Family home				
Other property				
Other Assets (bank accounts, shares etc)				

Description	Owned by	Current value	Mortgage/ Loan Owing
Motor Vehicle 1 *			
* Motor Vehicle 1 Make Model and Year			
Motor Vehicle 2**			
** Motor Vehicle 2 Make Model and Year			

	Limit	Current Balance	Monthly repayments
Credit cards / Store credit cards			
Personal Loan(s) (excluding car loans listed above)			
Other lines of credit			

#### INTEREST IN DECEASED ESTATE OR TRUSTS

Description	Beneficiary	Estimated Value	Annual Income Return

### OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS/BURSARIES/AWARDS/PRIZES

Is the student in receipt of any other scholarships or bursaries (e.g. school)? If so please detail below. Did the student receive any cash prizes or awards in 2024 or 2025? If so please detail below.

Description	Value

### OTHER COMMENTS

### DECLARATION

1. I/we declare that the information disclosed in this form is true, correct and complete in every detail.
2. I/we understand that the University of Sydney may, at any time, call for documentation to substantiate any of the information in the statement and failure to provide such information will render the application invalid.
3. I/we undertake to notify the Manager of the Conservatorium Open Academy, in writing, of any change in our financial circumstances within fourteen (14) days of my/our becoming aware of such a change.
4. I/we understand that the bursary if offered is subject to satisfactory ongoing performance by the student and may be withdrawn at the absolute discretion of the University.
5. I/we understand that the bursary if offered will be applied to core fees (excludes elective subjects) program only and will not be made available in cash.
6. I/we understand that the bursary if offered, and subject to item 4, is granted for 2026 only and that a new application will be required for a bursary in subsequent years.

*Checklist – I have attached my:*

☐ Tax Return 2024/2025 Notice of Assessment (Individual, Company and Trust as applicable) ☐  
Centrelink Assessment Notice (if applicable)

Signed Parent/ Guardian 1

Date

Signed Parent/ Guardian 2

Date

### PRIVACY STATEMENT

The information you supply on this form and any relevant attachments will be used solely in the assessment of your application for the Rising Stars Program Bursary. Only the Dean Sydney Conservatorium of Music, Faculty Manager Sydney Conservatorium of Music, Manager Conservatorium Open Academy and finance staff whose duties include assessment of applications will have access to the information provided. The University of Sydney abides by the NSW Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act.