2025 Margaret Schofield Memorial Scholarships Application

Composition – **Preview** form

This document is a preview of the 2025 Margaret Schofield Memorial Scholarships for Composition Application. The purpose of this document is to outline what is required for your application so that you can prepare before completing the form.

Application forms are completed using Survey Manager online forms. Links to online forms are listed on the [Margaret Schofield Memorial Scholarships page](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/news-and-events/events-and-awards/Pages/MargaretSchofieldMemorialScholarships.aspx) on the VCAA website.  
  
If you have access requirements that mean completing your application via Word document, video, audio or another method would work best, please email [VCAA.EVENTS@EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU](mailto:VCAA.EVENTS@EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU) or call (03) 8688 7815.

Selection Criteria

* A VCE study score for at least one of the following studies, completed at a **government school**:
  + VCE Music Composition
  + VCE Music Inquiry
  + VCE Music Contemporary Performance
  + VCE Music Repertoire Performance
  + VCE VET Music (Performance)
  + VCE VET Music (Sound Production)
* A composition created or performed for graded assessment
* Demonstrated commitment to music composition
* Expressed commitment to a career in music composition

Selection Process

After the closing date the applications will be considered by an expert panel including representatives appointed by the scholarship trustees and the VCAA. Short-listed applicants will be invited for an interview with the panel, either online or in person.  
  
**Successful applicants will be advised in early January 2025, however the scholarship can only be awarded once evidence of acceptance into an appropriate tertiary music course has been received.**

Successful applicants will be invited to present a live or recorded performance of an original work at Top Class Music and Sound in March 2025.

1. Application guidelines   
**Please have the following ready for submission:**

* Your home school principal and VCE Music teacher's name, email, and phone number
* A list of all tertiary institutions and courses you have applied to for music study in 2025
* A digital score/recording of one of your original compositions, no larger than 20MB

2. VCAA Privacy Statement and Collection Notice

The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) is a statutory authority continued under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 (Vic). The VCAA collects the information requested in this form, which includes personal information within the meaning of the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic) for the purpose of facilitating and assessing your application for a Margaret Schofield Memorial Scholarship (the Scholarship). A third-party contractor, SurveyManager, collects and stores the information requested on this form securely on its Australian-based servers on behalf of the VCAA. If you complete the requested information on this form and click on **Submit application**, the information will be transferred to the third party’s servers and accessed from there by the VCAA. Before deciding whether you wish to click on Submit application, you can review SurveyManager’s Privacy Statement here: <https://www.surveymanager.com.au/privacy-policy/>  
   
If you click on the link to the third party’s Privacy Statement, you will leave the VCAA’s website and be redirected to the third party’s website. Please be aware that the third party uses cookies. You can set your browser to notify you when you receive a cookie and this will provide you with an opportunity to either accept or reject it in each instance. The application form uses persistent cookies, which enables you to return to the application to complete it in another session (within one week of commencement) if you use the same internet browser and computer each time. If your internet browser is set to block all cookies, you will not be able to use this ‘save and continue’ function.

The personal information collected in this form will be disclosed to and used by relevant VCAA employees and/or contractors and disclosed to members of the Scholarship selection panel for and in connection with the abovementioned purpose. The selection panel will be comprised of representatives appointed by the scholarship trustees and the VCAA. The personal information collected will not otherwise be used or disclosed by the VCAA, except with the prior consent of the individual, or if the VCAA is required or otherwise permitted by law to do so. When an individual’s personal information is provided to the VCAA by a third party, the VCAA requests that the individual is made aware their personal information will be or has been provided to the VCAA, the purpose for which it will be or was provided and to whom it will be or is likely to be disclosed. If the requested personal information is not provided, the application may not be considered. An individual may request access to personal information the VCAA holds about them, if any, and request its correction if inaccurate.

Initial enquiries regarding access to personal information held by the VCAA in relation to the Margaret Schofield Memorial Scholarship can be made by contacting Festival and Events at [VCAA.EVENTS@EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU](mailto:VCAA.EVENTS@EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU). The VCAA Privacy Policy can be found at [www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Footer/Pages/Privacy.aspx](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Footer/Pages/Privacy.aspx).

* Yes, I agree to the VCAA Collection Notice

3. Applicant details

* VCAA student number

*This is an eight-digit number with a letter, e.g. 12345678A*

* First name
* Last name
* Email address

*This must be a personal email. Do not use your school email.*

* Mobile number

4. What are your pronouns?

* She/her
* He/him
* They/them
* Other (please specify)

5. Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

* Yes
* No
* Prefer not to say

6. Which VCE Music studies have you completed?

* VCE Music Composition
* VCE Music Inquiry
* VCE Music Contemporary Performance
* VCE Music Repertoire Performance
* VCE VET Music (Performance)
* VCE VET Music (Sound Production)

7. Where did you complete your VCE Music Studies?

* At my home school
* Outside my home school:
  + Please list the school where you completed your VCE Music studies

8. Home school details

* Home school attended in 2024
* Home school suburb
* Home school principal name
* Home school principal email address
* Home school phone number

9. I confirm my home school principal has been informed of my application for this scholarship.

* Yes

10. Music Teacher 1 Details

* Music teacher 1 first name
* Music teacher 1 last name
* Music teacher 1 email address
* Music teacher 1 phone number

11. Which VCE Music studies did you study with music teacher 1?

* VCE Music Composition
* VCE Music Inquiry
* VCE Music Contemporary Performance
* VCE Music Repertoire Performance
* VCE VET Music (Performance)
* VCE VET Music (Sound Production)

12. Music Teacher 2 Details *(if applicable)*

* Music teacher 2 first name
* Music teacher 2 last name
* Music teacher 2 email address
* Music teacher 2 phone number

13. Which VCE Music studies did you study with music teacher 2? *(if applicable)*

* VCE Music Composition
* VCE Music Inquiry
* VCE Music Contemporary Performance
* VCE Music Repertoire Performance
* VCE VET Music (Performance)
* VCE VET Music (Sound Production)

14. How many tertiary institutions have you applied to for music study in 2025?

* 1
* 2
* 3
* 4

15. Provide the following information for each tertiary institution (up to 4) you have applied to:

* Institution
* Course

16. Please outline your musical interests and plans for further study and a career in music composition (200 words max).

17. Applications must be accompanied by a digital score or recording of an original work composed by the applicant. Please upload either or both files, each up to 20MB in size.

**Name all files you upload using the following convention:**

VCAA student number\_VCE Study\_Work title

*e.g. 12345678X\_VCE Music Composition\_This Is My Song.MP4*