

Newsboys Foundation Regional Music Award Guidelines

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The Award

The Newsboys Foundation Regional Music Award is a music specialist prize for applicants who live in rural or regional Victoria and attend a Victorian Government school. This prize is designed to enable such students to benefit from musical tuition and other opportunities that otherwise may be not open to them. It includes: travel and one week's accommodation for the student and a parent/guardian in Melbourne and a daily per diem; lessons with top teachers on the relevant instrument; complimentary tickets to concerts at the Melbourne Recital Centre during that week; mentoring opportunities with industry professionals and best endeavours to go 'behind-the-scenes' with direct contact with industry professionals. The prize week will take place in 2022.

Eligibility

The Newsboys Foundation Regional Music Award is open to:

- Classical soloists on any instrument/voice type
- permanent residents or citizens of Australia
- 17 years of age and under (at 1 January 2021)
- minimum performance level of AMEB Grade 5 or equivalent is expected
- Lives in rural or regional Victoria as defined by the State Government of Victoria. There are five regions comprising rural and regional Victoria: Loddon Mallee, Grampians, Hume, Barwon-South West and Gippsland. For more information please visit <https://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/victorias-regions>
- Attends a Victorian Government School

Key dates

- Applications Closing Date: Friday 17 September 2021 at midnight (late applications will not be accepted)
- Winner to be notified in October
- Public announcement in November

Prize

- One week's accommodation for winner and a parent/ guardian in Melbourne
- Daily per diem
- Lessons with instrumental teachers
- Complimentary tickets to concerts at Melbourne Recital Centre during the prize week
- Mentoring sessions with industry professionals
- This prize is subject to Government restrictions in 2022 and cannot be exchanged for cash

Applications

Applications consist of completing the online registration form and uploading the application items.

Registration

Applicants must complete the online registration available on the Melbourne Recital Centre website.

Submission of Application Items

You will be required to submit the following items through the online registration. If you have issues with uploading any of these items, please email learning@melbournerecital.com.au

- link to unedited video recording(s) of music no longer than 10 minutes duration (acceptable format is YouTube or Vimeo link)
- biography – a description of the applicant’s musical training, achievements and interests written in the third person. Must include one paragraph about why you would like to win the Regional Music Award.
- an image of the applicant in JPEG format

Application Guidelines

- applications must be received by Melbourne Recital Centre no later than Friday 17 September 2021 at midnight
- posted, hand-delivered or faxed entries will not be accepted
- late applications will not be accepted
- only one application is permitted per applicant
- applicants must live in a rural or regional area and attend a Victorian Government school

Audio-Visual Recordings

The video recording you submit must include not more than 10 minutes of musical material. Acceptable formats are YouTube or Vimeo link. No editing of the footage is permitted although stops between movements are OK. Please allow adequate time to upload your footage to YouTube or Vimeo.

Repertoire

Any classical piece on your chosen instrument not exceeding 10 minutes in total duration.