

2026 MLC Scholarship Guide



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MLC SCHOLARSHIPS

Methodist Ladies' College (MLC) is pleased to offer Academic, Music and Boarding scholarships of varying values to deserving candidates who reflect our values, and who are eager to fully participate in College life and all the opportunities MLC has to offer.

All applicants (for Academic, Music and Boarding Scholarships) must sit the academic scholarship test at MLC, Claremont on 4 February 2025.

Students living more than 400 kilometres from Perth, who are unable to travel for the tests at MLC, should apply for a remote location scholarship via the application portal.

Scholarship tests will be conducted by independent third-party provider Academic Assessment Services (AAS).

Since girls' schools manage their own 2026 scholarship applications independently and test dates may coincide, we encourage you to carefully review each school's test date and time before applying. Please note application fees are non-refundable.

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABILITY: ENTRY YEARS

- MLC Academic Scholarships for entry in Years 7 and 10
- MLC Music Scholarships for entry in Years 7-10, by audition
- MLC Boarding Scholarships for entry in Years 7-10

For more details on each scholarship, please refer to the information provided later in this document.

KEY DATES

- 14 November 2024: Applications open
- 19 January 2025, 9pm: Applications close for remote testing (400km away from Perth)
- 22 January 2025, 9pm: Applications close
- **4 February 2025: Scholarships Testing Day**
- 29 January 2025: Remote Testing Day
- March 2025: Interviews of short-listed candidates commence
- End of April 2025: All Scholarship outcomes finalised

Please refer to the Music Scholarship section for Music Scholarship-specific dates.

APPLICATION FEES

- Local testing (sitting the test at MLC, Claremont): \$130
- Remote testing (sitting the in regional Australia): \$200
- Overseas testing (sitting the test overseas): \$300

APPLICATION PROCESS

To be considered for one of our MLC Scholarships, families can apply online during the application period.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to apply online via the Academic Assessment Services website.

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As part of the application, families are required to answer all application questions, upload the following documents, and pay the relevant application fee:

- Birth Certificate
- Two most recent years' school reports;
- Most recent NAPLAN results;
- Any specialist reports e.g. Speech Therapy etc.
- For Music Scholarships: Any music certificates such as AMEB, ABRSM, or Eisteddfod achievements (if applicable but not compulsory).

To be considered, all required documents must be uploaded, and the application must be finalised with payment by the closing date. Incomplete applications will not be allowed to sit the test or be considered for a scholarship.

After testing, all applicants will be thoroughly considered, and a select number of candidates will be shortlisted for further consideration and an interview with our Leadership team. Shortlisted candidates residing in remote areas may be interviewed via telephone or Teams. Successful candidates will be chosen following the interview process.

ACADEMIC TESTING

Scholarship tests are designed to identify and distinguish between students of high academic ability. These are timed tests that assess how clearly a student can demonstrate higher-order critical thinking skills. More information about the nature of the scholarship tests is available [here](#).

Practice tests are available for purchase from Academic Assessment Services [here](#). We strongly encourage your daughter to arrive relaxed and refreshed on the testing day.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

MLC scholarships are open to both current and future MLC students from Perth, wider Australia and overseas. The value of the Scholarship amounts is based on local fees.

Students may apply for more than one scholarship but may only hold one scholarship at any one time. International students are also invited to apply.

Successful candidates entering Year 7 and beyond hold their scholarship until graduating from MLC at the end of Year 12. Retention of a scholarship is conditional upon the recipient maintaining high standards in achievement and conduct throughout her schooling at MLC.

More information on eligibility for MLC Music Scholarships in the relevant section within this document.

MLC ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Recognising and rewarding high achievers, MLC Academic Scholarships allow talented students to pursue their educational aspirations at our exceptional College. These scholarships are awarded to students who demonstrate academic excellence and encourage a strong commitment to educational excellence and personal growth.

Successful candidates must maintain high academic standards throughout their schooling.

MLC MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Methodist Ladies' College boasts an outstanding music program and an international reputation for excellence in performance. Successful candidates demonstrate musical excellence and potential. In addition to Music Scholarships, the College offers a wide range of music prizes for current MLC students.

Music Applicant Requirements:

As a guide, students applying for Music Scholarships at MLC should have achieved the following grade levels (or equivalent). It is not essential that applicants have sat formal music examinations, but they must audition pieces of at least a similar standard:

- Entering Year 7 – AMEB Grade 5 and above
- Entering Years 8 to 10 – AMEB Grade 6 and above

Candidates may audition on any orchestral instrument, band instrument or piano. They will normally present both a principal and secondary instrument. A successful candidate on piano may continue to learn piano as her principal instrument but will also be required to learn an orchestral or band instrument.

Candidates may offer voice as principal study for entry to Year 9 or above. Vocal candidates are expected to audition on a second instrument.

Music Audition Process:

Step 1: Candidates are required to submit a video with a maximum length of 8 minutes, playing one piece on their principal instrument. This should be the same piece they will perform if short-listed to audition in person.

Videos are to be emailed to music@mlc.wa.edu.au no later than **Wednesday 29 January 2025** and should include the following:

- Subject: Scholarship Audition
- Include: Candidate's full name, instrument and title of piece being played.

Step 2: Short-listed candidates will be invited to audition in person

During the audition candidates will typically be required to do the following:

- Perform two contrasting pieces on principal instrument/study
- Perform one piece on a second instrument/study, if applicable
- Perform one piece on any additional instruments/study, if applicable
- Aural tests (at expected grade level, as listed above)
- Sight reading (at expected grade level, as listed above)
- Short, informal interview

On the day of the audition, candidates must provide a music portfolio of achievements, letters of recommendation and copies of their audition pieces.

For accompanied pieces, candidates must provide their own accompanist or make arrangements with an MLC accompanist through the MLC Music Administrator. Fees will be charged accordingly. As a guide, MLC accompanist rates for 2024 are \$27.50 per 15 minutes.

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For all students using an MLC accompanist, music must be sent to the College at music@mlc.wa.edu.au at the time of applying. Accompanist rehearsals have been scheduled for Monday 10 February 2025 and Tuesday 11 February 2025 11-3pm.

Short-listed candidates will be advised of their rehearsal day and time in due course.

Music Audition timeline:

- 29 January 2025 – Audition video due
- 5 February 2025 – Applicants advised of video audition results and short-listed applicants invited to audition in person at MLC
- 11-12 February 2025 – Audition rehearsals (if required)
- 13 – 14 February 2025 – Shortlisted candidates auditioned

Music Scholarship Holder Expectations:

Music Scholarship holders must make a leading contribution to music in the College and maintain a high level of achievement on their chosen instrument.

Scholarship holders in Years 7–12 are required to enrol in class music, select a music course of study in Years 11 and 12 and participate in at least two large College ensembles.

Contact Us:

For further information about MLC's Music Scholarships, please contact our Music Administration at music@mlc.wa.edu.au.

MLC BOARDING SCHOLARSHIPS

MLC invites girls who live in regional Western Australia, wider Australia or internationally to apply for a Boarding Scholarship.

Our Boarding School Scholarships aim to support talented young students and enable them to benefit from the excellent educational opportunities offered at MLC.

Successful candidates must maintain high standards in academic achievement and personal conduct, as well as actively participate in school life.

SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

- Students may apply for more than one scholarship but may only hold one scholarship at any one time.
- The value of MLC Scholarships is based on local (domestic) fees.
- Scholarships will be determined by application, academic testing, audition for MLC Music Scholarships, and an interview with MLC Leadership.
- Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the College.
- The College's decision is final and the College will not enter further discussion or dispute regarding the awarding of any scholarships.
- After completion of the Scholarship process, all applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application and will receive a summary of their daughter's test performance.

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- No report of any candidate's results, nor a comparison of other student results can be given by the College.
- When appropriate, the College reserves the right to interview and award scholarships prior to the closing date.
- All scholarships are awarded on the understanding that the successful candidate will complete her education at MLC until graduation at the end of Year 12.
- The continuation each year of the scholarships awarded is subject to satisfactory conduct and satisfactory progress reports of the successful candidate.

CONTACT US:

For further information about MLC Scholarships, please contact our Admissions team at admissions@mlc.wa.edu.au.