

SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY

PROGRAMME

2011/12

INFORMATION BOOKLET

From the Director and Principal:

The Australian International Performing Arts High School is proud of the number of Director's Awards and bursaries it offers every year. The school's scholarship and bursary programme includes performing arts/academic scholarships (Director's Scholarship & Director's Award) and bursaries (Director's Assistance).

Our programme is aimed at making an AIPAH education accessible to as many families as possible, while ensuring that recipients are capable of success in a wide range of areas. Whether their goal is to work on stage, or to become a teacher, a therapist, an administrator, or an entertainment lawyer, our scholarships will hopefully support careers that bring the arts into the community.

It is our belief that talent must be nurtured in order to bring stars to our stages in future years.

A scholarship or bursary at AIPAH can give your child a great start in life.



Prof. Kyunghiee Lee
Founding Director/CEO



Mrs Debra Aarons
Principal

SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES

Director's Scholarship

The Director's Scholarships are awarded on the basis of both academic and performing arts excellence. The granting of this award is determined by a successful audition with the Principal.

The Director's Scholarship will offer 50% to 100% (full) reduction of tuition fees for a new student entering Years 7-11 in 2012. The scholarship will be awarded for the duration of the student's secondary schooling, and will be subject to an annual review. The awarding of this scholarship will be at the Director's and Principal's discretion.

If the student has not fulfilled the expectations of the scholarship, then full fees will apply for the remainder of their secondary education.

There are fifteen available for the 2012 intake.

Director's Award

Director's Awards are awarded primarily on the basis of performing arts excellence. Technical facility and demonstration of musicality are considered equally important. The granting of this award is determined by a successful audition with the Principal.

These awards are granted to students from Year 7 to Year 12 and can provide up to 40% reduction of total tuition fees for the duration of that student's single academic year. Renewal of the Director's Award is subject to re-application and review of the student's school performance and contributions to the school's PA and student life activities.

If no re-applications are received or if the student has not fulfilled the expectations of the award, then full fees will apply for the next academic year.

Director's Assistance

This is a bursary, offered to students for Years 7 to 12 and is means-tested. Families are expected to provide evidence of financial circumstances, including recent taxation returns, and statements of assets and liabilities. This information will be handled confidentially by the Principal and Scholarships Office.

This assistance is offered for the duration of that student's single academic year. Renewal of the Director's Assistance is subject to re-application and review of the student's school performance and contributions to the school as well as student life activities.

If no re-applications are received or if the student has not fulfilled the expectations of the bursary, then full fees will apply for the next academic year.

EXPECTATIONS & APPLICATION CRITERIA

Expectations

For all scholarships, awards and bursaries, the recipient must comply with the following:

- * represent the school as and when required
- * uphold the image and reputation of the school both in dress [uniform] and manner [behaviour]
- * participate in all aspects of AIPAH's activities -including open days, showcases, ensemble, special concerts, orchestra and on any occasion as deemed necessary by AIPAH.
- * attend all academic and performance classes - except in the case of illness and/or on compassionate and exceptional circumstance decided on by the Principal or the Principal's delegate.
- * maintain their focus on the development of excellent performance standards for the duration of the scholarship.
- * be under the mentorship of the Performing Arts Coordinator.
- * It is also expected that Director's Award recipients must apply for enrolment into the affiliated tertiary institution, The Australian International Conservatorium of Music (AICM) should they decide to pursue a tertiary level qualification in any music or music-related courses.

Application Requirements & Criteria

Basic Requirements:

- * Applicants will be required to attend a 15-minute interview and a 20-minute audition.
- * Applicants will be required to provide copies of past school reports, indicating attendance and achievements as well as a reference from the current school.
- * Records of awards, prizes and certificates of acknowledgment or participation.
- * A written reference from one referee relevant to this scholarship application.
- * Refer to the Specific PA Stream Requirements on page 5 for further details.
- * For Director's Assistance (bursary) applications, participating in extracurricular activities in and outside of the school increases chances of being granted assistance. Demonstration of good leadership skills is also an important factor.

Selection Criteria:

- * indications of the applicant's ability to think creatively and of their potential to succeed in a Performing Arts course at AIPAH.
- * evidence of versatility, enterprise, inventiveness and a willingness to engage in contemporary arts and culture/s.
- * evidence of the applicant's achievements in or exposure to the arts.
- * evidence the applicant is determined to pursue art interests as expressed in the AIPAH course outlines.

Specific PA Stream Requirements

Accompanying the application, the following are also to be included:

1. Written Statement

At the front of the portfolio, a written statement detailing the reasons why you believe you would be a good candidate to receive the award:

- what attracts the applicant to a course of study in his/her chosen PA specialty;
- A brief description of the industry contact/achievements the applicant has had with his/her chosen PA specialty (e.g. books, articles, workshops, courses, performances, festivals, exhibitions, etc);
- A summary of the types of chosen PA specialty activities in which the applicant has participated in or would like to learn more about;
- A description of the applicant's Arts orientated goals for the future.

2. Portfolio

Visual Arts

- Maximum of 10 images that best demonstrate current art achievements, working processes, commitment and potential.
- It may contain photographs, colour photocopies of sketches and journal pages, printed digital images and/or short video excerpts (no more than 2 minutes each) on CD or DVD format. Diversity is the key aspect of successful applications and should be addressed within the submission.
- An additional folio, recording or film may be viewed at interview phase especially in the area of drama, photography, design and Film & Television at the request of the panel.

Music/Drama/Dance

- résumé of current music/drama/dance achievements, workshops and participation in productions, courses or training that demonstrate commitment and potential.
- It may contain photographs, reviews, printed digital images and/or short video excerpts (no more than 3 minutes of each performance) on CD or DVD format.
- A short audition piece will be requested and presented at the audition/interview phase.

Eligibility Requirements:

The scholarships and bursaries are open to current Year 6 to 11 students who are:

- * Australian citizens and holders of an Australian Permanent Humanitarian Visa; or
- * Australian permanent residents or international students who have completed minimum Year 6 in Australia.
- * Applicants must be intending to enrol at AIPAH.

Application Process:

- Scholarship/Bursary application forms can be downloaded from the AIPAH website.
- The completed application must be submitted by the due date.
- Once the application form has been submitted, applicants will receive an email to confirm that their scholarship/bursary application has been received by AIPAH.
- Applicants must provide copies of all requested supporting documentation. Such documentation must reach the AIPAH Scholarships Office by the due date for their application to be considered.
- Applications Closing Dates:
 - AIPAH will conduct ONE annual round to select and award **Director's Scholarships** to students intending to commence their studies at AIPAH in Term 1, 2012.
 - Closing date for 2012 applications is 23 August 2011.
 - AIPAH will conduct one major **Director's Award and Assistance** round and three supplementary rounds each year, to select and grant awards and bursaries to students intending to commence their studies at AIPAH in 2011 or 2012.
 - **Closing dates** for 2011 applications are as follows:
Major Round – Closed
Supplementary Rounds – 8th Apr 2011, 1st Jul 2011 and 23rd Sept 2011
 - **Closing dates** for 2012 applications are as follows:
Major Round – 7th Jan 2012
Supplementary Rounds – 8th Apr 2012, 1st Jul 2012 and 23rd Sept 2012

Selection Policies:

Please note that due to the limited number of scholarships available, not all eligible applicants will be successful.

- An applicant will not be selected for an AIPAH Award/Scholarship/Bursary unless AIPAH is satisfied that he/she meets the eligibility criteria for a Scholarship, an Award or Assistance as set out in Page 6 of this booklet.
- Applicants may apply for the Director's Scholarship and/or Director's Award and/or Director's Assistance concurrently.
- The Director's Scholarship is not awarded concurrently with a Director's Award and/or Director's Assistance.
- The Director's Award and the Director's Assistance may be awarded individually or concurrently.
- AIPAH will not award more than **1** Director's Award and/or Assistance to an individual student.
- Academic merit will generally be assessed on the basis of the students' academic score.
- Bonus consideration may be given for applicants who have undertaken and performed well in a language other than English, advance English or Maths.
- Assessment of leadership capabilities and/or community or volunteering service will be based on information contained in the application **AND** evidentiary documentation provided by the applicant with their application. AIPAH will make its own judgement about what constitutes the most meritorious cases.
- AIPAH reserves the right not to offer all the Scholarships, Awards and Assistance available and to set a maximum limit on Scholarships, Awards and Assistance available for any one programme or in any one stream through the use of quotas.
- AIPAH will aim to grant the Scholarships, Awards or Assistance to students across a broad range of study programmes.
- All scholarships, awards and assistance may be revoked at the discretion of AIPAH should the student fail to fulfil the conditions on which the scholarship, award or assistance was based. If an award is revoked, payment of full fees is then required.
- Any student who is suspended will have their award revoked and will then be liable for the payment of full fees.
- The duration for the Director's Award and Assistance is for only one year of study. Applicants will have to submit a renewal application and provide evidentiary proof of why their Awards or Assistance should be continued in the following year of study.
- If the student withdraws from AIPAH and is not entitled to a refund, the Director's Award grant must be repaid to AIPAH in full.
Should any change be made to the student's enrolment status including but not limited to deferment, discontinuation or cancellation of completion of the student's HSC (this includes transfer to another institution), the Director's Award will be forfeited and the student is required to pay the full award amount granted for the period of study already undertaken.
- There are no payments made to students. The award or assistance is put towards the reduction in the applicants' tuition fees for that year of study or part thereof.

** Please note that scholarships, awards and bursaries which cover all or part of a student's normal tuition fees at the school for the period determined by the Principal, *do not* include other expenses such as excursions, camps, uniforms, textbooks or individual music/dance/drama/art tuition.

Offer Process:

- The number of Awards and scholarships available in each category will be determined each year by the Director and Principal of AIPAH.
- Applicants will be officially notified in writing of the outcome of their applications as soon as practicable after the release of end of year exam results.
- The award of a Director's Award, Assistance and/or Scholarship will be conditional on the recipient taking up the offer of a place at AIPAH in 2012.
- Students, at the time of accepting an offer of a scholarship, award or assistance, must accept the conditions of the scholarship or award and agree to provide any information relevant to assessing their ongoing eligibility for a scholarship/award/assistance.

Academic Progress:

- a. AIPAH will confirm a student's ongoing eligibility for a scholarship on a twice yearly basis – at the end of term 2 with the half-yearly report and the end of term 3 [yr11] or 4 [all other years] with the final school report.
- b. AIPAH requires students holding an AIPAH Scholarship or Award to achieve satisfactory academic progress, as set out in subsection c below.
- c. Satisfactory academic progress means the applicants have:
 - i. followed the course developed or endorsed by the Board of studies; and
 - ii. applied themselves with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks and experiences provided in the course by the school; and
 - iii. achieved some or all of the course outcomes; and
 - iv. attended all classes except in the case of illness or absent for compassionate reasons or in extenuating circumstances as determined by and with permission from the Principal or Principal's delegate.

Termination:

AIPAH will terminate an Award or scholarship:

- a) If the student has committed serious misconduct including, but not limited to, the provision of false or misleading information in their Application Form; or
- b) If the student ceases to meet the eligibility requirements specified in these Guidelines, other than during a period in which the scholarship or Award has been suspended; or
- c) Once the student has completed the requirements of their course; or
- d) If the student fails to maintain satisfactory academic progress as set out in these Guidelines;
- e) If the student fails to maintain exemplary record of attendance and behavioural conduct in and out of school and/or when representing AIPAH during external events or excursions.

Appeals Process:

- a) No appeals regarding the non-award of an Award or scholarship will be entered into.
- b) Appeals regarding termination of an Award or scholarship will be heard by the Director and Principal.

AIPAH reserves the right to make reasonable changes to these guidelines at any time and will advise valid students if this occurs, as and when required.

For further information or discussion,
call AIPAH's Scholarship Office on 02 9637 0777, or
email: studentservices@aipah.nsw.edu.au.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

How many scholarships and bursaries does the School award each year?

The School will offer fifteen scholarships for new 2012 enrolments into Year 7 to Year 11. The same number of scholarships will most likely be offered to new enrolments each year. Director's Awards and bursaries are awarded as determined by the Principal.

What types of scholarships and bursaries are awarded by AIPAH?

Refer to page 3 for descriptions of the scholarships and bursaries available.

What does the scholarships, awards and/or bursaries cover?

They cover all or part of a student's normal tuition fees at the school for the period determined by the Principal. They *do not* include other expenses such as excursions, camps, uniforms, textbooks or individual music/dance/drama/art tuition.

How do I register for an AIPAH award, scholarship or bursary?

Please refer to *the application process* on page 6. All applicants must:

- Download, complete and return the respective *Scholarship/Bursary Application Form* which is available on AIPAH's website.
- Ensure that you provide all supporting documentation as stipulated within each of the different categories of awards/scholarships/bursary.

Are there additional fee to apply for scholarships/award/bursary?

Yes, there is a one-time \$100 fee for application for any of AIPAH's Scholarships, Award and/or Bursary.

When and how do I find out about my child's results in the Scholarship Application Process?

AIPAH will contact successful applicants to the school via telephone or email, and formal letter of invitation to interview. Letters will also be issued to all candidates who are unsuccessful in securing a scholarship interview. This will occur after the completion of the award process.

Does the award cover the entire course of study?

Depending on the category of scholarship, award or bursary that's been applied for, it covers either the duration of the student's secondary education or that single academic year.

Each recipient will have his/her eligibility assessed twice a year every year. If the recipient has not been able to maintain the level of excellence within his/her academic or PA performance, the Principal/Director reserves the right to terminate the scholarship/bursary and seek refund of the full award amount granted for the period of study already undertaken.

What opportunities do I have to visit the School during the scholarship process?

You are encouraged to visit the school and meet the Principal or Admissions staff at any time. Call AIPAH on 02 9637 0777 to schedule an appointment.

Are interviews part of the process?

Yes, a short list of candidates will be invited to attend interviews as part of the selection process, following which the final decisions will be made.

Do successful applicants need to pay any enrolment fee?

Yes, if your child is awarded a 100% scholarship, the School will require payment of 50% of the current enrolment fee. If he is awarded an award, a scholarship or bursary up to 50% of tuition fees, the School will require payment of 100% of the current enrolment fee.