

THE MARIAN BARFORD AWARD 2023 SELECTION GUIDELINES

The Marian Barford Award will be awarded in 2023 to an advanced NECOM instrumental and vocal student. The award consists of a grant to support a student's continued involvement in musical activities, which serve to facilitate the development of their musical potential.

1. The Award is open to senior students enrolled in instrumental or vocal lessons at the New England Conservatorium of Music.
2. The Award is made annually to a talented and committed student entering either Year 11 or 12 in 2023 and studying elective music at one of the five secondary schools in Armidale.
3. Students must demonstrate a proven record of music learning through formal tuition, and successful music examination results over a number of years, in at least one area of instrumental/vocal expertise.
4. Students must demonstrate a commitment to the field through involvement with both school and community-based music ensembles and activities. As a senior member it would be expected the student would be an ambassador for the ensemble and encouraging of the younger and developing players.
5. Students must be able to demonstrate a developing interest in the field through self-initiated music-related activities, undertaken in their own time (eg. composition, learning additional instruments for interest, attending concerts for enjoyment, exploring diverse repertoire styles, attending 'one-off' lessons or masterclasses with guest teachers, attending National Music Camp or National Choral School).
6. The Award may be used by the student to support any of the following:
 - Assistance towards the purchase of a higher quality musical instrument
 - Fee assistance for a 'one-off' musical activity e.g. National Music Camp or National Choral School.
 - Regular accompaniment sessions for HSC or Preliminary course performance exams, or advanced level AMEB exam (e.g. Grade 8+).
 - Support for a short period in a specialist area e.g. composition, advanced musicianship and musicology, performers for HSC ensembles etc.
 - Travel and lesson costs associated with trial lessons with tertiary instrumental/vocal staff to assist decisions about where to pursue higher education study.
7. The maximum amount awarded is \$1000.00 and is dependent on the project submission.
8. The successful recipient is required to be an active member of their school choir or instrumental ensemble and remain so for the duration of 2023.
9. The Award Selection Panel will be chaired by the CEO of the Conservatorium or a NECOM Board representative.
10. More than one award may be made at the discretion of the Award Selection Panel.

Applications close on Friday 3 February 2023, 5pm