



PERTH MODERN SCHOOL
Exceptional schooling. Exceptional students.



SPHINX FOUNDATION INC.



Academic Scholarships





Introduction

The Sphinx Scholarship Fund is a great success story for the Perth Modernian Society Inc. and the Sphinx Foundation Inc.

Having started in 2008 with a single donation from Modernian Jim Cundill (dec), donations and good investments strategies have since swelled the fund, and earnings on the capital sum permits the academic and equity awards to be awarded each year.

The scholarships and bursaries are therefore one of Perth Modern School's very special features.

Academic Awards

Academic Subject Awards are to be awarded to students who, in the opinion of the selection panel, demonstrate outstanding talent and passion in the nominated subject area as well as demonstrating how the award would be used to assist achievement of academic excellence in the respective subject area. The money awarded is to provide enrichment in the subject area beyond that provided in the normal school program. Unless otherwise stated below, each scholarship has the value of \$1000 and each bursary is valued at \$700.

How to Apply:

Current Year 10 students at Perth Modern School are eligible to apply for these scholarships. Refer to the published notice for information on due dates and how to submit.

Available Academic Awards

ARTS AND TECHNOLOGIES

[The Don Tyler IT and Computer Science Scholarship and Bursary](#)

[The Fortescue Metals Group Mechatronics Engineering Scholarship and Bursary](#)

- A bursary, valued at \$500 is available from the Fortescue Metals Group.

[The Perth Modern Society Visual Arts and Performing Arts' Scholarship and Bursary](#)

ENGLISH

[The Jean and Jim Cundill Creative Writing Scholarship and Bursary](#)

Jim Cundill was interested in supporting students who had demonstrated excellence in **one or more** of the following areas:

- Insight into setting.
- Storyline.
- Character development.
- Creation of atmosphere, interest and tension.

Applicants must submit three contrasting pieces with a total word limit of 1500 along with their application (extracts from longer works are acceptable)

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

[The Perth Modernian Society Elite Physical Education Scholarship and Bursary](#)

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

The Ling and Chris Hayes Accounting Scholarship

The Malcolm Evans Debating Scholarship (in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Northbridge)

The Hunt Family Politics and Law Scholarship

The Shirley Randall Social Sciences Scholarship

The Stokes Sadlier Memorial Scholarship

- Applicants should demonstrate interest in History, commitment to citizenship as well as financial need.
- Value of this Scholarship is \$500.
- The successful applicant will speak and lay a wreath at the school's ANZAC ceremony.

INNOVATIONS

The Don Tyler Innovations, Entrepreneur, and Independent Research Scholarship and Bursary

- When applying for this scholarship, evidence of interest, achievement and talent may include participation in workshops, clubs and courses both inside and outside of school, creative and original research or inventions entered into competitions, invitations to conferences or fairs, participation and awards for research or business and enthusiastic and successful engagement in social service and business ventures.
- The applicant may also like to demonstrate how the scholarship would be used to assist achievement of academic excellence in related subject areas such as business, accounting, design and technology, engineering.

LANGUAGES

The Malcolm Evans Asian Languages Scholarship

The Malcolm Evans European Languages Scholarship

The Malcolm Evans Languages Bursary

MATHEMATICS

The Barrie Baker Mathematics Scholarship and Bursary

The Barrie Baker Mathematics Methods Scholarship

The Barrie Baker Mathematics Specialist Scholarship

MUSIC

The Daniel Girling and John Down Music Scholarship and Bursary

John Down was interested in supporting students who had demonstrated excellence in **one or more** of the following musical areas:

- Talent in singing.
- Superior performance in playing at least two instruments.

- Superior performance in ensemble and orchestral playing.
- Talent in composition.

The John Christmass Choral Music Scholarship

The Cundill Violin Scholarship

- The purpose of the Cundill Violin scholarship is to provide a rare and valuable violin which would be owned by Perth Modern School, and be allocated to a student enrolled or enrolling in ATAR Music, studying Violin as their major instrument and currently playing in the Perth Modern School Symphony Orchestra, who would benefit significantly from a quality instrument for their further musical education.

The Don Tyler Musical Instrument Scholarship—Flute

- The purpose of the Don Tyler Musical Instrument scholarship is to procure a quality musical instrument(s) which would be owned by Perth Modern School, and be allocated to a student enrolled or enrolling in ATAR Music and studying Flute as their major instrument, who would benefit significantly from a quality instrument for their further musical education. Applicants are to state any personal/family circumstances of financial or other need such that the award would be beneficial in removing barriers or in providing access to opportunities to facilitate the achievement of educational success.

The Wrightson Cello Scholarship

- The Wrightson Cello will be awarded to the Year 12 student who is the lead cellist in the orchestra for their final year at the school.

SCIENCE

The Don Tyler Biological Science Scholarship and Bursary

- NB: this is for students who have demonstrated excellence in **one or more** of the Biological science subjects (Biology, Human Biology, Psychology).

The Don Tyler Chemistry Scholarship and Bursary

The Dr Philip E. Best Science Bursaries

- Up to **3** bursaries valued at \$500 each are available through the Dr Philip E. Best Bursaries.

The Don Tyler Physics Scholarship and Bursary

The Peter Farr Psychology Scholarship and Bursary

- The selection panel may take financial or other special needs into account, and applicants are therefore invited to provide supporting statement on these grounds if applicable.



Academic Awards Terms and Conditions

Comprehensive information about the Perth Modernian Society may be found at www.perthmoderniansociety.org.au and information about the Sphinx Foundation Inc may be found at www.perthmoderniansociety.org.au/sphinx-foundation/

Eligibility

- Current Perth Modern School students only are eligible to apply.
- Applications must be received by the due date for consideration through the means outlined in the Supporting Information document.
- The student's most recent school report will be accessed to support the determination of the successful applicant.
- Students who already hold a Sphinx Scholarship or other Scholarship or Bursary that will pay them funds in the next academic year are not eligible to apply.
- Unless otherwise stated, awards have a duration of one year.

Award

The successful recipient will be informed in Term 4 and it will be announced at a special presentation. The awardee will receive a certificate and a citation about the donor.

Student Accountability

The awardee is encouraged to write and thank the donors, whose contact details will be supplied to the awardee.

Toward the end of Term 3 each year, awardees will be required to meet with a Perth Modernian Society representative to informally report on the value and benefits associated with the Scholarship. Awardees should record monies spent from this fund and present a summary record at this evaluation meeting.

Administration of the scholarship

- a. The funds will be credited against the student's name at the School and may be accessed for educational purposes directly associated with attendance at Perth Modern School such as school excursions/camps/competitions, transportation, purchase of academic resources or equipment, specialised courses, specialised instruction, etc. or such other purposes as may be approved by the School or Sphinx Scholarships Selection Committee.
- b. The awardee should keep receipts for monies spent against any of the above and present them to the Finance Office for reimbursement up to the value of the award.
- c. **School charges and contributions for scholarship recipients are to be paid in full before the remaining funds are accessed for other reimbursements.**
- d. Should any funds not be fully expended in one academic year, the balance will carry forward to the following academic year.
- e. The Scholarship is not transferable to other schools. The scholarship will cease if the student leaves the School. All unexpended funds will be returned to the Sphinx Foundation Inc.
- f. The recipient may forfeit the Scholarship if they:
 - (i) Are found to have behaved in a manner that is in breach of the School's Behaviour Management Policy; or
 - (ii) Take an extended leave of absence (or defer their enrolment) for a period greater than two (2) consecutive School terms.
 - (iii) **Withdraw from the associated course for their scholarship**



Instrument Scholarship Terms and Conditions

- a. The musical instrument will always remain the property of Perth Modern School.
- b. The instrument will be loaned for a nominal period of two years (Wrightson Cello for one year), or until the end of the students schooling at Perth Modern School, whichever is sooner, after which it must be returned to the Perth Modern School Music Department
- c. The scholarship will be awarded on the grounds of musical merit to a student who is studying music at the school who, in the opinion of the Sphinx Scholarship Selection Committee, has (a) displayed music performance excellence at school and (b) has personal circumstances of financial or other need such that the award will be most beneficial in removing barriers or in providing access to opportunities to facilitate the achievement of educational and musical success.
 - (i) All nominations will be subject to the same process for demonstrating Academic Excellence and financial or other need;
 - (ii) Should it be required, the Selection Committee may contact applicants to further clarify particular aspects of financial or other need.
- d. In accepting the scholarship, the recipient will be required on graduation from the School to become a Contributing Member of the **Perth Modernian Society Inc.** so that contact is maintained and the student can contribute in a small way to the body providing this generous support.
- e. The Head of Music will ensure the instrument is adequately insured for the term of the loan.
- f. The applicant is to remain in the School's music program and maintain satisfactory progress in all academic areas.
- g. The School shall be responsible for the instrument's care and repairs and regular maintenance (e.g. at least once per year), and for this purpose, the student must return the instrument in good condition.
- h. If the awardee discontinues their participation in the School's Music Program they will be required to return the instrument immediately.
- i. At the end of the loan period the instrument must be returned to the School in good condition.

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