

POLICY NUMBER	-	3.10
POLICY SUBJECT	-	3.10 Eric Hind Music Scholarship
ADOPTED	-	5 September 2000 (CMRef 27632)
REVIEWED	-	20 July 2010 (CMRef 30361)
REVIEWED	-	19 February 2013 (CMRef 31058)
REVIEWED	-	15 May 2018 (CMRef 82181)
REVIEWED	-	19 February 2019 (CMRef 82310)
<u>REVIEWED</u>		<u>November 2022</u>

Policy

The Eric Hind Music Scholarship shall be awarded annually in accordance with the guidelines set out in this policy.

Purpose

To recognise and acknowledge Mr Eric Hind's contributions to the Shire of Merredin as a Councillor and his accomplishments as a violinist by offering an annual music scholarship to young talented music students within the Shire of Merredin ~~Shire~~.

To provide guidelines for applicants of the Eric Hind Music Scholarship and the scholarship awarded.

Background Information

Eric Hind was born in Nottingham in England in 1901. He migrated to Western Australia in 1926 and came immediately to the Wheatbelt. In 1928 he took up farming land at Burracoppin and so commenced a lifetime of interest in the Burracoppin Area.

During the Second World War Eric enlisted in the R.A.A.F and served overseas.

In 1953 he was elected to the then Merredin Road Board and continued to represent the people of Burracoppin on the Merredin Shire Council until his retirement in 1989.

After 36 years of service on the Road Board and Shire Council, the Merredin Shire Council presented Eric with a long service award and made him a Freeman of the Shire. In 1990 he received the Order of Australia for services to the community.

Eric Hind was an accomplished violinist who had gained his A.L.C.M (Eng) diploma before leaving England. As an active member of the Merredin Musical Society and Concert Orchestra of the day, Eric was much sought after as a violinist and was willing to perform at any function if possible. Eric also served on the local WA Symphony Orchestra Committee and was instrumental in getting many concerts in Merredin over a number of years.

In his honour, the ~~Merredin Shire Council~~ Shire of Merredin offers a music scholarship to the value of \$1,000.

Scope

This Policy applies to staff, Councillors, judging panel and applicants.

Guidelines

Judging Panel

Comprising three members selected by Council, including at least one Councillor, with other members selected having music backgrounds.

Selection Criteria

1. Applicant must be a resident ~~of Merredin Shire~~ in the Shire of Merredin or a student of music in Merredin.
2. Previous winners are ineligible.
3. Applicant must be at least 7 years of age and under 20 years of age at the end of the scholarship period.
4. Applicant must have learnt music for at least 12 months.

4. Conditions

- ~~5.1.~~ Applicant will be required to present a short piece of their music at the interview.
- ~~6.2.~~ If no suitable candidates apply, Council may contribute the funds to the local schools in the district.
- ~~7.3.~~ Part scholarships may be awarded at the discretion of the judges.
- ~~8.4.~~ Applicant must state what the scholarship money will be expended on.
- ~~9.5.~~ Should the contribution be distributed to the selected schools, a feedback report may be required to Council.
- ~~10.6.~~ Scholarship money will be issued in one instalment after the announcement of the winner(s). ~~two six monthly instalments, unless the successful applicant shows good reason to receive the full amount up front, i.e. purchase of musical instrument.~~
- ~~11.7.~~ After six months, the successful applicant will be required to report to Council on the status of their music, if applicable.
- ~~12.8.~~ At the completion of twelve months, the successful applicant will be required to report to Council stating where the scholarship money was expended.

Timeframes

~~Scholarships to be awarded annually at the Australia Day Breakfast. n December.~~