



Young Performers Fee Subsidy Policy

Approved by Committee of Management October, 2020

The Chime Choir is committed to creating a diverse community, where people have the opportunity to participate in choral performance that both challenges and delights. In order to increase the accessibility of choir membership, Chime makes available a select number of fee subsidy packages to full-time students who may otherwise be unable to take up Chime membership.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the award of a Fee Subsidy package, applicants must be enrolled as full-time students at an institution registered with the Victorian Department of Education and Training. Holders of these subsidy packages are expected to be either current members of Chime or in the process of applying for membership.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION

Applicants are requested to complete the Young Performers Fee Subsidy application form. Applications may be submitted at any time throughout the year and if successful, the appropriate pro rata amount will be applied for the specific month in which the application was submitted.

Subsidy packages are awarded on the basis of an audition and interview, normally held in February each year. A second selection round may be held in July, depending on applications received. The selection will be based on the following criteria:

- Short audition with applicant to perform two contrasting vocal pieces. An accompanist will be available.
- Aural and sight-reading assessment
- Discussion with interviewers

Applicants who have already been a member of Chime may be granted exemption from the audition and interview, but must complete and submit the application form. The application must be submitted to the Committee of Management to review at the next committee meeting and once confirmed, the Treasurer will contact applicants with the result.

VALUE AND DURATION

Each subsidy package is for 75% of the relevant Student Membership fee. Each award is made initially for one year, or the remainder of that calendar year if awarded mid-year. Recipients will be eligible to continue receiving subsidy packages in subsequent years, to a maximum of 3 years, provided that they continue to satisfy the eligibility requirements.

NUMBER OF PACKAGE AWARDS

Each year, the Chime Committee of Management will determine the number of awards on offer. Chime reserves the right not to award any subsidy packages.

REQUIREMENTS OF RECIPIENTS

Successful applicants for a fee subsidy package are required to:

- Remain an active member of Chime throughout the period of the award coverage
- Maintain a rehearsal attendance and concert participation record exceeding 85%
- Fulfill other occasional group performance events at the invitation of the Principal Artistic Director.
- Complete payment of the 25% fee residual applicable to student membership at the time of the award.

A fee subsidy award may be withdrawn if the above criteria are not met.

FEE PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Successful applicants will be advised by the Chime Treasurer of their award amount and the balance of fees required. This will reflect the Student Membership rate (potentially pro-rata) as applicable at the time of the award. These details are defined in the Annual Fee Schedule published on the Chime web site. Payment arrangements will be as specified by that Fee Schedule.

All enquires to: The Treasurer
 Chime Choir
 email: treasurer@chime.org.au



Young Performers Fee Subsidy APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Voice part: _____ Current Chime Member? [Y/N] _____

CHORAL/MUSICAL BACKGROUND

ANY ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING INFO

STUDENT ENROLMENT DETAILS

Educational Institution: _____

Year level / course: _____

I certify that I am enrolled as a full-time student. [Y/N] _____

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return completed Application Form via email to treasurer@chime.org.au