



Choral Scholarships 2026

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Melbourne Bach Choir.

Up to 8 Choral
Scholarships of \$2,000
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Rick Prakhoff, Music Director since the choir's inception, is one of Australia's most experienced conductors, specialising in vocal music from choral to operatic.



MBC's aim is to present enjoyable performances of the highest possible standard.

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Continuing on from our scholarship programs over the last ten years, the Melbourne Bach Choir is able to offer up to eight scholarships for young singers who wish to join the choir in 2026.

Each scholarship is worth \$2000, to be paid in four instalments of \$500 after each major concert of the year (generally March/April, June/July, September and November/December). Choir membership fees and concert performance fees will be waived.

What's the commitment?

Scholars are expected to sing in the 2026 program with both the MBC and MBC Chamber Choir—details and dates available at the time of audition. This will normally consist of two major performances with each choir. Performances are usually in April, June, September and December. Rehearsals are generally on Thursday evenings and sometimes Sunday afternoons.

Who is eligible?

Singers aged at least 18 and no more than 30 on 31st December 2025 are eligible to apply. You must be an Australian citizen or have a visa entitling you to residence for the entire period of the scholarship.

How are Scholars selected?

All applicants will be invited to a half-day workshop/audition to be conducted by the MBC Music Director, Rick Prakhoff, in Melbourne in early February. Selection of Scholars will be made on the basis of merit by a panel consisting of the Music Director and one or two experienced choral or vocal professionals. The 2026 Scholars' Workshop will be held in February 2026 (date to be confirmed). Unfortunately it may not be possible to consider applicants who are unable to attend the Workshop.

What happens after the workshop?

Applicants will be contacted the following week with the result. Successful Scholars will be expected to begin rehearsing in February. Those who are not offered a scholarship may be invited to join the main choir and/or the chamber choir. Membership fees will be waived for all scholarship applicants.

Contact us

Please get in touch if you have any questions or would like to apply.

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Choral Scholarships 2026 Next Steps

- Complete an application form
- Email it to:
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- Attend workshop in February 2026