

MUSICAL THEATRE ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD 2024**1.0 NAME OF AWARD**

- 1.1 Musical Theatre Encouragement Award

2.0 DONOR OF AWARD

- 2.1 Cynthia Burnett
Douglas Gehrke

3.0 NATURE OF AWARD

- 3.1 \$2000.00 made as a one-off payment, to be used within 12 months after the competition date. Funds may be used for the costs of auditioning including self-tests and travel for in person auditions, and investment in the maintenance of existing and development of new performance skills.
- 3.2 The recipient will provide a report at the end of twelve months, outlining the use of monies and any outcomes directly attributed to the award's support. This is to be e-mailed to the Griffith University Scholarships office.
- 3.3 If the progress report is not received, the recipient may need to repay the funds.
- 3.4 The recipient may be invited to attend an event to meet the donors.
- 3.5 The recipient's use of the award monies may be postponed due to extenuating circumstances substantiated by a medical certificate. Deferment must not exceed six months. Thereafter, any outstanding award monies will be forfeited and reinvested in the Award.
- 3.6 Should the recipient receive a job offer within the performing arts before the award monies have been fully expended, the award monies may be utilised for re-location expenses.

4.0 DURATION OF AWARD

- 4.1 The Award is offered on an annual basis

5.0 ELIGIBILITY FOR AWARD

- 5.1 Applicants must be enrolled in the third year of the Musical Theatre program at the Queensland Academy of Excellence in Musical Theatre (Griffith University)
- 5.2 Applicants must be an Australian Citizen, Australian Permanent Resident or a person who holds an Australian Permanent Humanitarian Visa (or its equivalent)
- 5.3 Applicants should not hold any other Griffith University scholarship that serves the same core purpose.
- 5.4 Applicants should demonstrate reasonable financial need to be eligible for this award.

6.0 SELECTION PROCESS

- 6.1 Applicants must complete in full the application form.
- 6.2 Student Applications and GPAs will be assessed by Griffith University and a shortlist of no more than six will be drawn up.
- 6.3 Shortlisted applicants may be invited to undertake an interview with the donors. Interview will be no longer than 15 minutes. Students will be provided examples of interview questions in advance.
- 6.3 Shortlisted applicants will be judged by the Selection Panel for their performance and professionalism within the annual end of year showcase. Note – panel members are permitted to attend up to two rehearsals of the showcase.
- 6.4 The winner will be chosen based on their application and live performance.

6.6 The Adjudication panel will be made up of the Director, Queensland Academy of Excellence in Musical Theatre (Griffith University) or their selected representative; one outside professional involved in, or with extensive experience in, Musical Theatre; and one donor, or their selected representative.

7.0 ADMINISTRATION OF THE AWARD

7.1 Griffith University will be responsible for the administration of the prize, including the publicising of the prize and managing funds associated with the prize.

Previous recipients of this award

2018	Emily Corkeron
2019	Maddison Coleman
2020	Jahla Black
2021	Carla Beard
2022	Chelsea Burton
2023	Matthew Casamento

**PRIZE / AWARD APPLICATION
MUSICAL THEATRE ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD**

Prize Name: Musical Theatre Encouragement Award
Responsible Department: Queensland Academy of Excellence in Musical Theatre
Annual Prize Value: \$2,000.00
Application Deadline Friday 30 August 2024 – 4.00pm

**How to submit your
application**

- Complete application form
- Hand completed application form and supporting documentation to Prof Paul Sabey
Alternately, e-mail submission of forms is acceptable via e-mail to musical.theatre@griffith.edu.au
- Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- **Shortlisted applicants to be advised not later than Friday 6 September**

**Shortlisted Applicants to
be assessed**

- **During the end of year showcase performance on Thursday 19 September 2024**
- **Interview with panel (date tbc)**

Section A:**Applicant name:****Student No:****Contact Phone Number:****Address:****E-mail:****Course & Year In Which
You Are Enrolled:****Origin and Citizenship**

Are you:

- Australian Citizen
- New Zealand Citizen
- Permanent Resident
- International Student
- Permanent Humanitarian Visa Holder

Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait
Islander descent?

- Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander
- Of Aboriginal Origin
- Of Torres Strait Islander Origin
- Of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Origin

Study Load Status

- Full Time
- Part Time

Section B:

Income and Expenditure

Are you in receipt of a means-tested Centrelink income support payment?

- Yes
- No

Do you live at home with your parents and are a dependent?

- Yes
- No

Are you currently employed?

- Yes
- No

How many hours a week do you work? (Approximate)

Your average weekly income from all sources:

Scholarships

Are you in receipt, or will you be in receipt of any other scholarships / bursaries

- Yes
- No

Detail:

Personal Statement - 400 words maximum

This is your opportunity to further demonstrate your suitability as a candidate for this award. Your statement should include information about your current achievements, your ambitions and anticipated use of, and benefit from the Award monies.

Try to include:

- How you intend to utilise the funds should you be successful
- How receiving this award will benefit you
- Your mid-term career goals in the performance arts e.g. your goals for the next three years
- Any qualifications you may already hold in any of the performing arts
- Address anything else you feel is relevant

Declaration

I declare that the information supplied on this form and in accompanying documents and statements is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If any information provided is found to be false or misleading, I accept that the University will cancel any scholarship awarded to me on the basis of this application and I may be required to repay any scholarship funds received to date. I understand that the scholarship selection process is competitive and not all applicants who meet basic eligibility criteria are necessarily awarded scholarships.

Further, I understand that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code (Commonwealth)*.

SIGNATURE: **Date:**

Please note: Unsigned applications or those without required supporting documentation will not be processed