**Tauranga Opera Forum Trust**

**THE TOFT SINGING SCHOLARSHIP IN 2025 - APPLICATION DETAILS.**

Senior Secondary School Students from the Tauranga area are invited to apply for a TOFT 2025 SCHOLARSHIP which aims to provide up to one year of singing support in 2025.

The sing-off SCHOLARSHIP CONCERT will be held on **Saturday 19 October 2024.**

**THE SCHOLARSHIPS**

First $ 2000.00 Second $ 1500.00

 Adjudicator’s Discretionary Award $ 1000.00

The selection process has two parts:

**1.** Page 3 of this application must be filled in posted, or scanned and emailed, to The Secretary TOFT SCHOLARSHIPS

 by **Friday 20 September 2024.**

**2.** At the TOF SCHOLARSHIPS CONCERT on **Saturday 19 October 2024** when applicants will

sing two songs ( *one* of which must be of a classic origin, an art song, lied or from the repertoire

of “Twenty four Italian songs and arias” ).

There is a $10.00 application fee which is reqired to be paid into the TOF SCHOLARSHIPS account for this application to be accepted. ( Account **38 9025 0246518 01** with your name as reference. )

**THE AUDITION DAY 19 October 2024**

Selections for our 2025 TOF SCHOLARSHIPS will be made at the public concert to be held in the afternoon of

**Saturday 19 October 2024** at Wesley Church, 100 Thirteenth Avenue, Tauranga.

On the morning of 19 October there will be a Masterclass for applicants from the Adjudicator when who will outline her expectations for performance excellence.

In the event of there being a high number of applicants we may have a video elimination to maintain a manageable group.

All applicants will be notified of their acceptance for the SCHOLARSHIP CONCERT by Friday 27 September 2024.

PTO for The aims of Tauranga Opera Forum Trust, and Terms and Conditions of Scholarships.

 **Tauranga Opera Forum Trust**

**Aims/Purposes of the Tauranga Opera Forum Trust:**

From The Trust Deed:

**3. CHARITABLE PURPOSES**

“ The Trust is established:

3.1 To educate, instruct and assist in the education and instruction of persons in the District in operatic, music and drama skills of any nature whatsoever by every appropriate means and engaging tutors for that purpose;

3.2 To encourage and engage in the production and performance of opera, music and drama of a professional standard for the benefit of persons in the District; and

3. For any other purposes within the District (whether relating to the relief of poverty, the advancement of education or religion or any other matter beneficial to the community) which are charitable according to the law of New Zealand.”

**Terms and Conditions for the TOF 2025 SCHOLARSHIPS**

1. The TOFT SCHOLARSHIPS were created for senior secondary school students to receive advanced singing support either through private singing tuition from a Registered Music Teacher or one with equal qualifications or, the trustees will, totally within their discretion, consider proposals from winners for alternate use of the scholarship so long as those proposals are aligned with the purposes and aims of TOFT. (See the TOFT website for these aims.) Before they can receive any scholarship monies recipients will need to make an itemised proposal to The Trustees as to how they wish to use their scholarship money, this could include private singing tuition from a registered singing teacher, fees for a singing event, text books, etc. The trustees will require invoices, quotes or other verification of the costs of those items.
2. The trustees will require accountability as to how the scholarship money spent has been beneficial to the advanced singing development of the recipient.
3. Entries for the TOF 2025 SCHOLARSHIPS close on Friday 20 September 2024. Late entries will not be accepted.
4. All applications received will be acknowledged by Friday 27 September 2024 and students accepted to compete in the SCHOLARSHIP CONCERT will be notified by email by that date.
5. Last year’s first place winner is not eligible to enter the TOF SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION but other place getters may apply.
6. Applicants accepted to sing in the SCHOLARSHIP CONCERT will be asked to also provide by 4 October: i. a brief history of their singing to date e.g. school choirs, recognised singing exams, school productions, competition results, etc ii. a statement of their aspirations in singing for the future ( about 200 words, more or less). iii a recent head and shoulder passport type colour photo. These will provide the adjudicator further backgound about the competitors, some of this material may be

 used in the programme notes for the concert.

1. We recognise that “performance experience” is a valuable part of learning so as part of their scholarship: recipients will be required to perform a short bracket of songs at two TOF public concerts during 2025, the dates of these are not confirmed yet but we anticipate they will be within our TOF Sunday Concerts Series on: 1. Sunday 4 May 2025 2. Sunday 20 July 2025 Inability to perform at these events could jeopardise the scholarship.
2. Scholarship recipients are expected to work hard on their scholarship. TOFT trustees reserve the right to cancel the scholarship if they consider a student is not working hard enough.
3. The Judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into in this regard.

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**APPLICATION FORM FOR A TOFT SCHOLARSHIP IN 2025**

**APPLICANT’S DETAILS**

Name ………………………………………………………..……..

Address ……………………………………….………….……………………………………………………………..

Age (as at 1 February 2025) …………… Gender M F

Phone …………………………………… Email …………………………………………………

School ……………………………………………………………..

Year at school in 2025 …………………………………………….

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**Your singing teacher:**

Name …………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

Phone …………………… Email ………………………………………………………..

**Your two selected audition songs:**

**Your first song**

Title……………………………………………………………………………………………..

Composer………………………………………

**Your second song**

Title……………………………………………………………………………………………..

Composer………………………………………

Applicants must scan Page 2 of this application form, completed it and sent by **Friday 20 September 2024** to:

The Secretary

TOFT SCHOLARSHIPS

at **tof.scholarships@xtra.co.nz** or C/o 176A Bellevue Rd, Otumoetai, Tauranga 3110

The $10.00 application fee is reqired to be paid into the TOFT SCHOLARSHIPS account for this application to be accepted. ( Account **38 9025 0246518 01** with your name as reference. )

**Entries close on Friday 20 September. Late entries will not be accepted.**

**We have read and understood the terms and conditions for the TOFT 2025 SCHOLARSHIPS:**

**Contestant’s name** ………………………………………… **Signed** ……………………………………………

**Parent/Guardian** ………………………………………… **Signed** ……………………………………………

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For further information on the TOFT 2025 SCHOLARSHIPS contact

John Hodgson

The Secretary

TOFT SCHOLARSHIPS

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