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Unlock a World of Opportunity at Methodist Ladies' College (MLC)

MLC is proud to offer a distinguished range of Scholarships to students who align with the College's values and demonstrate talent and potential.

Whether your daughter excels academically, musically, seeks a transformative boarding experience or is a vibrant all-rounder, an MLC Scholarship could be her pathway to a future filled with possibility.

As a leading independent girls' school in Perth, MLC participates in the Independent Girls' Schools Scholarship Co-operative Model to streamline the application process for families and lessen the test burden on applicants.

To be considered for an MLC Scholarship, applicants must list MLC as their FIRST preference within the Independent Girls' Schools Scholarship Co-operative model (see more information on page 11).

This guide is designed to provide you with crucial information you need for a seamless application.

Applications are now open.

[CLICK HERE](#)

to apply online via the Academic Assessment Services website.



OUR MLC VALUES

INTEGRITY

INTEGRITY embodies our unwavering principles and ethical conduct.

- We are honest and truthful.
- We are authentic and genuine.
- We have a sense of justice; we do the right thing.



WONDER

WONDER sparks our passion for curiosity and fosters a deeper connection with our world.

- We immerse ourselves in the joy and awe of learning.
- We imagine and discover.
- We seek out what is remarkable and extraordinary.



OUR MLC VALUES

COURAGE

COURAGE empowers us to be brave, determined and unafraid to explore new horizons.

- We are resilient, tenacious and confident.
- We push boundaries and strive for new heights.
- We embrace new challenges and voice our opinions.



HUMANITY

HUMANITY cultivates a caring environment where everyone thrives together.

- We are compassionate, kind and nurturing.
- We are a community that respects each other; (a place) where everyone feels valued.
- We are supportive and committed to everyone's wellbeing.



STRATEGIC ROADMAP



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PART 1: MLC SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Opportunities That Inspire, Empower and Transform

MLC Scholarships recognise girls of outstanding ability and promise—academic excellence, musical talent, or a commitment to boarding and humanity—who will flourish within our vibrant and holistic learning community.

Successful candidates become valued members of the College, participating fully in all aspects of school life while benefiting from next-generation learning, leadership and wellbeing programs at MLC.

1. MLC Scholarship Categories and Entry Years

MLC offers four scholarships across categories as part of this round:

SCHOLARSHIP TYPE	ENTRY YEARS	SELECTION CRITERIA	VALUE
Academic Scholarships	Years 7-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Academic testInterview by invitation	Up to 50% tuition fee remission through to Year 12
Music Scholarships	Years 7-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Academic testSubmitted videoAudition by invitationInterview by invitation	Up to 50% tuition fee remission and a % of music tuition remission through to Year 12
Boarding Scholarships	Years 7-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Academic testInterview by invitation	Up to 50% boarding fee remission through to Year 12
MLC Foundation Community Scholarships	Years 7-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Financial means testAcademic testInterview by invitation	100% Tuition and/or boarding fee remission and discretionary oncosts through to Year 12

All applicants must sit the AAS academic scholarship test. Students more than 400 km from Perth may apply to sit the test remotely.

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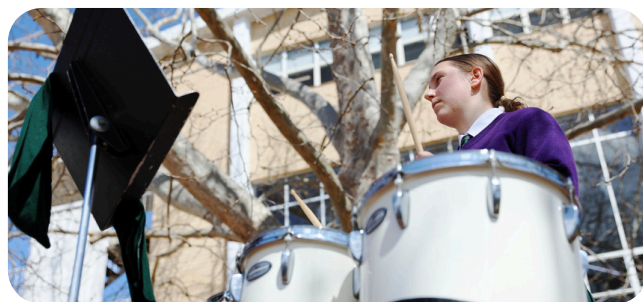
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2. General Eligibility for MLC Scholarships

MLC Scholarships are open to:

- Current and future MLC students, with the exception of MLC Foundation Community Scholarships which is limited to external applicants not currently enrolled at MLC
- Local, regional, and rural applicants
- Students applying for multiple categories (though only one scholarship may be held)
- MLC Foundation Community Scholarships are means tested and only open to deserving girls from families who aren't in a financial position to otherwise afford an exceptional MLC education.

Scholarship values are based on domestic fees. Scholarships extend through to the end of Year 12, subject to scholarship holders upholding our standard of behavioural conduct and academic progress throughout their schooling at MLC and participating fully in College life.



3. Scholarship Types

MLC ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

MLC Academic Scholarships recognise high academic potential and a commitment to learning. Successful candidates are expected to maintain high academic performance throughout their schooling.

Recipients may be selected to join HERizon, MLC's extension and enrichment program for gifted and high-potential learners.

HERizon supports next-generation learning through evidence-informed teaching, enquiry-based learning and personalised pathways.



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MLC MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

For exceptional performers who wish to be further extended through MLC's internationally recognised music performance program. Scholarship holders are further enriched through participation in College ensembles and the broader performing arts culture.

Recommended Performance Levels

Applicants should prepare audition pieces equivalent to the following standards (formal exams not required; pieces must be of an equivalent level):

- Entering Year 7 – AMEB Grade 5+
- Entering Years 8–10 – AMEB Grade 6+

Applicants may audition on any orchestral, band instrument or piano, and will normally present a secondary instrument. Vocal scholarships are available from Year 9 onwards, with an audition on a second instrument also required.

Music Scholarship Process

Step 1 – Submit audition video to music@mlc.wa.edu.au by Wednesday 28 January 2026

Candidates are required to submit a video with a maximum length of 8 minutes, playing one piece on their principal instrument. This should be the same piece they will perform if short-listed to audition in person.

Audition submission requirements:

- Video of 8 minutes max
- Perform one piece on principal instrument – this should be the same piece they will perform if short-listed to audition in person
- Include in the email subject line: Scholarship Audition
- Include in the email: Candidate's full name, instrument and title of piece being played



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Step 2 – In-person audition (shortlisted candidates only)

Short-listed candidates will be invited to audition in person. During the audition candidates will typically be required to do the following:

- Perform two contrasting pieces on their principal instrument
- Perform one piece on a second instrument, if applicable
- Perform one piece on any additional instrument, if applicable
- Aural tests (at expected grade level, as listed above)
- Sight reading (at expected grade level, as listed above)
- Short, informal interview

On the day of the audition, candidates must provide a music portfolio of achievements, letters of recommendation and copies of their audition pieces (photocopies only; no originals please).

For accompanied pieces, candidates must provide their own accompanist or make arrangements for an MLC accompanist through the MLC Music Administrator. Fees will be charged accordingly. MLC accompanist rates for 2026 are \$30.00 per 15 minutes.

For all students using an MLC accompanist, piano sheet music must be scanned and sent to the College at music@mlc.wa.edu.au at the time of application. Accompanist rehearsals have been scheduled for Monday 9 February 2026 and Tuesday 10 February 2026 from 11am-3pm.

Short-listed candidates will be advised of their rehearsal day and time in due course.

Audition Timeline

- 28 Jan 2026 – Video submissions due
- 4 Feb 2026 – Shortlist notifications
- 9–10 Feb 2026 – Accompanist rehearsals (if required)
- 11–13 Feb 2026 – In-person auditions

Music Scholarship Holder Expectations

- Make a leading contribution to Music in the College
- Maintain a high level of achievement on their chosen instrument
- Enrol in Class music between Years 8-10
- Study Music (ATAR or Certificate) in Years 11 and 12
- Participate in at least two large College ensembles



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MLC BOARDING SCHOLARSHIPS

MLC welcomes applications from regional and rural based families who are seeking a nurturing environment where their daughter will thrive - an environment built for growth, confidence and connection.

Recipients gain access to exceptional learning experiences, personalised academic support, outstanding wellbeing programs, a wide range of sporting and co-curricular opportunities and a vibrant boarding community where independence and leadership flourish.

Boarding Scholarship recipients are expected to maintain our academic and behavioural standards, while actively participating in the life of the Boarding House and College throughout their time at MLC.

MLC FOUNDATION COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS: MEANS-TESTED

The MLC Foundation Community Scholarship is a life changing opportunity for girls whose families would otherwise be unable to afford an MLC education.

This Scholarship is strictly means-tested and is supported by funds raised through the MLC Community.

In line with our College values, the successful candidates will be well-rounded students, ideally with a passion for humanity, giving back and using the opportunity of an extraordinary MLC education to make the world a better place. Versatile girls from qualifying families who align with our core values and demonstrate wide ranging skills, interests, and passions, are invited to apply.

Eligibility Criteria

This scholarship is awarded on the basis of **demonstrated financial need**, ensuring that talented students have the opportunity to attend our school regardless of their family's financial circumstances. Personal financial documentation will be required to complete an application, and all information is handled with utmost confidentiality.

To be considered for this scholarship, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Belong to a household with **demonstrated financial need**
- Be an external applicant who is not currently enrolled at MLC
- Be seeking entry into Years 7–10
- Be applying as either a Boarding Student from rural/regional Australia or a Day student
- Submit a complete application, including all required documentation and financial statements
- Demonstrate a sound academic record
- Show active involvement in community service or leadership activities and co-curricular activities such as sport, music, arts, or clubs, etc.



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Application requirements

To apply, families must submit:

- A full scholarship application with MLC listed as first preference in order for your application to be considered by MLC during first round offers
- Their agreement to provide confidential financial information such as recent income statements / tax returns or similar on request

4. MLC Scholarship Application Requirements

To be considered for first-round MLC offers, MLC must be listed as your first-preference school.

Applicants must:

- Complete all application questions
- Upload the following documents:
 - Birth certificate
 - Two most recent school reports
 - Most recent NAPLAN results
 - Any specialist reports (e.g. speech therapy)
 - Any relevant high-level awards or certificates
 - For Music Scholarships: relevant music certificates (AMEB, ABRSM, Eisteddfod)
- Pay the application fee and submit by the closing date

Incomplete applications will not be considered or permitted to sit the test.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an interview with the MLC Leadership (via Teams/phone for remote families), after which the successful candidates will be selected.

5. MLC Scholarship Conditions

- Students may apply for multiple categories but can hold only one scholarship
- Scholarship values are based on domestic fees
- Scholarships are awarded based on application, academic testing, audition by invitation (for Music Scholarships), and interview by invitation
- The College's decision is final and confidential
- Scholarships are valid until Year 12 graduation, subject to satisfactory conduct and academic progress, and full engagement in College life
- Scholarship offers are strictly confidential. Member schools within the co-operative will not engage in discussions to negotiate or counter scholarship offers made by another member school. Any attempt to do so will be considered a breach of confidentiality, and may result in the scholarship offer being withdrawn

PART 2: INDEPENDENT GIRLS' SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP CO-OPERATIVE MODEL

From this year, the following leading Independent Girls' schools in Perth will participate in the Independent Girls' Schools Scholarship Co-operative model (listed alphabetically):

- Methodist Ladies' College (MLC)
- Penrhos College
- Perth College
- Presbyterian Ladies' College
- St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls
- St Mary's Anglican Girls' School

This model ensures a fair, transparent, and efficient process for families while maintaining each school's unique scholarship opportunities.

It simplifies the scholarship process, enabling applicants to sit **one test** and nominate up to **three schools in preference order**.

1. How The Co-operative Model Works

- Families may nominate **up to three schools in order of preference**
 - Families submit a **separate application** to each preferred school, with all relevant supporting documents required by each school.
 - The AAS scholarship test can only be sat **once**, at the first-preference school (unless remote/overseas)
- In-person scholarship tests can only be **sat at your first-preference school**.
- **Test results are shared ONLY with schools to which a paid application has been completed.**
- Importance of **your first-preference school**:
 - It is the school where you hope your daughter will be awarded a scholarship to complete her educational journey.
 - It is the location where your daughter will sit her scholarship test.
 - It is the school that will consider your daughter during the first round of scholarship offers.
- All participating schools issue their scholarship offers simultaneously, ensuring a fair and transparent process for all candidates.
- If a first-preference offer is declined, the applicant may then be considered by their second-preference school in the next round, and so on.
- Scholarship **offers are strictly confidential**. Member schools within the co-operative will not engage in discussions to negotiate or counter scholarship offers made by another member school. Any attempt to do so will be considered a breach of confidentiality, and may result in the scholarship offer being withdrawn.

2. Co-operative Application Process

- Families must:
 - Familiarise themselves with each school's scholarship offerings and eligibility criteria;
 - Submit a separate application to each preferred school, ensuring that all required reports and documentation are provided in accordance with each school's specific application guidelines;
 - List their school preferences in the same order across all application forms;
 - Pay the application fee for each preference during the application process.
- [Academic Assessment Services](#) (AAS) an independent third-party provider of scholarship tests, will follow up with families where discrepancies in preference order are identified.
- A preference application is considered complete and finalised only when all of the following have been fulfilled:
 - All school-specific application questions have been fully completed;
 - All required supporting documents have been submitted;
 - Full payment for each application/preference has been received by AAS.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- **Results will be forwarded ONLY to schools to which a paid application has been submitted.**

3. Application Fees

- Each preference application attracts an application fee. Payment is made via the registration portal at the time of application.
- Application fees cover testing and the distribution of results to nominated schools by AAS and is not received by the schools.
- AAS will not refund any application fees.
- First preference application fees:
 - Sitting the test at first preference school: \$120.00
 - Sitting the test remotely: \$200.00 (for families living more than 400km from the Perth Metro)
 - Sitting the test overseas: \$350.00
- Additional preference application fees: Each additional preference will incur an additional fee of \$60.00.

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4. Testing Information

- **Test Provider:** [Academic Assessment Services](#) (AAS)
- **Test Date:** See Timeline below
- **Special Circumstances:** Applicants who are ill (with an official doctor's certificate) or unable to attend on the day due to a school camp, must notify their first-preference school immediately. Their first preference school will notify AAS, who will then provide you with information on sitting the test online at home on Wednesday 18 February 2026. Such a special circumstances online test will incur an additional application fee of \$150.00.
- **Test Venue:** Students can only sit the test once. If they sit the test locally, they will sit the test at their first preference school.
- **Test Format:** Students will sit a series of timed tests that assess how clearly a student can demonstrate higher-order critical thinking skills. More information about the nature of the scholarship tests is available [here](#).
- **Online practice tests:** Online practice tests are available for purchase on the [AAS Scholarship practise test page](#).
- **Resits:** The test can only be sat once. No resits are permitted.

5. Key Dates

Applications Open: Friday, 21 November 2025

Applications Close:

- Students sitting the test remotely: Friday 30 January 2026
- Students sitting the test locally at their first preference school: Wednesday 4 February 2026

Scholarship Test Date:

- **Thursday 12 February 2026**
 - Perth College
 - Presbyterian Ladies' College
 - Methodist Ladies' College
- **Saturday 14 February 2026**
 - St Mary's Anglican Girls' School
 - St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls
 - Penrhos College
- **First-Round Offers Released:** 23 March 2026
- **First-Round Offers Acceptance Deadline:** 2 April 2026
- **Second/Third-Round Offers (if applicable):** 21 April 2026
- **Scholarship process finalised:** May 2026



6. Offers and Acceptance

- Offers are made simultaneously by all participating schools.
- Families must either accept or decline their offer within the set timeframe.
- Once all first-preference offers are finalised, second-preference schools may consider applicants, followed by third-preference schools.
- Each school sets the terms and conditions of its scholarship awards.

7. Communication

- Once the scholarship test is complete, no contact by co-operative schools will be entered into with applicants.
- Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted after results have been provided to the school until the completion of the entire process.
- Shortlisted/successful candidates will be contacted directly by the relevant school to advise them of the next step in their process.
- Scholarship recipients must respond in writing to the relevant Principal by no later than noon of the acceptance deadline.
 - No response by that time will indicate a non-acceptance of the offer.
- An applicant's second preference school may not contact a potential recipient until the official commencement of second round offers.
- If a family contacts any other school outside the specified time frame, it will be considered a breach of protocol and consequences, such as the offer being rescinded, may result.
- **Notification of Outcome:** Once the Scholarship process is complete, all applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application.
- **Confidentiality of Results:** Schools will not release individual test scores or provide comparisons between candidates under any circumstances.

8. Next Steps for Families

- ☐ Review the scholarship offerings of your preferred schools
- ☐ Submit complete applications to each school (with identical preference order)
- ☐ Ensure MLC is listed as first preference to be considered in the first round of MLC offers
- ☐ Sit the AAS test at your first-preference school if in-person
- ☐ Ensure to apply on the relevant application link if the test will be sat either remotely or overseas.
- ☐ Await outcome notifications as per the timeline

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Per Ardua ad Alta;
through striving to the heights



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