



2026 Sue Daw Scholarship

In 2026, the CSO will offer two instrumental music tuition scholarships to adults with hearing loss. The successful applicants will receive **weekly 30-minute lessons** with a CSO musician, free of charge, from July to November 2026. Applications must be received by Friday May 29th.

Instrumental options include voice, double bass, violin, viola, percussion and harp. The CSO will facilitate rental instruments where required and cover the cost of instrument hire for the duration of the scholarship.

Completed forms may be emailed to donna.parkes@csso.org.au or posted to:

Canberra Symphony Orchestra
Attn: Donna Parkes
GPO Box 1919
Canberra ACT 2601

Applicant details

Full name

Email address

Phone number

Please provide details of your hearing loss

In a few sentences, please outline your aspirations in applying and the benefit you may gain from this experience.

Instrumental preference

Scholarship options in 2026 include:

- Violin/ Viola with Iska Sampson
- Double Bass with Isabella Brown
- Percussion with Jack Holmes
- Harp with Rowan Phemister
- Voice with Tobias Cole

First preference

Second preference

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Sue Daw OAM has supported the CSO for many years and played a key role in establishing the Rediscovering Music program for people with hearing loss. She joined the Canberra branch of Better Hearing Australia in 1994 and went on to lead the branch from 1999 to 2018. In 2009, Sue was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to people with a hearing impairment.