

FLORENCE WILCKENS AWARD FOR YOUNG PERFORMING ARTISTS



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What is the Purpose of the Award?

The Florence Wilckens Award for Young Performing Artists has been established by the family and relatives of Florence Wilckens, and is managed by the Fleurieu Community Foundation. The award aims to support senior school students in the Fleurieu region to further their studies in the performing arts, music or dance, and who show initiative and commitment in their field of interest, but who may be experiencing difficulty in continuing their studies, or accessing other education or training, due to hardship or disadvantage.

The Florence Wilckens Award is based on access and equity. It is not intended to be a merit award that just recognises talent.

It is expected that one award will be offered each year for a total amount of up to \$500.

About Florence Wilckens

Florence (Flo) Wilckens (nee Whitwam) was born in 1918 and died on the 1st August 2012 in Sandpiper Lodge, Goolwa, South Australia. She was 93 years old and had a full life post 2nd World War as a wife and mother to 4 children.

Prior to the war Flo was a stage performer and dance teacher. She started on the stage in Melbourne at 4 years of age in pantomimes, and at age 14 left school to perform full time with JC Williamson. By the time she was 17 she was a seasoned trouper and danced in the ballet chorus at the famous Tivoli Theatre in Melbourne. When on tour she danced on stages in cities and regional towns across Australia and New Zealand including Auckland, Sydney, Adelaide, Perth and Brisbane. Flo also established her own Dance Academy for children and showed many children's pantomimes.

The children of Florence Wilckens want her to be remembered for her love of the theatre, dance, music and movies, and have established a fund to support the granting of the award. It is anticipated that this award will be granted annually to a young performance artist in the Fleurieu region.

What can the Florence Wilckens Award be used for?

The award can be used for:

- Course costs at educational institutions and registered training organisations that are approved by Australian educational authorities.
- Private tuition costs
- Associated living, travel and boarding costs

Applicants who have commenced study or training prior to the opening of this round of funding will be considered, however, successful applicants will only receive funding for study undertaken from the year of the Award (2020 onwards)

Who can apply?

The award aims to support senior school students (years 11 or 12) in the Fleurieu region (Yankalilla, Victor Harbor and Alexandrina Council areas) to further their studies in the performing arts, music or dance, and who show initiative and commitment in their field of interest, but who may be experiencing difficulty in continuing their studies, or accessing other education or training, due to hardship or disadvantage. Students currently in Year 10 can apply for study or training in 2020.

Application Procedure

- Applicants must complete the Application Form and enclose signed letters of recommendation from two referees.
- Referees should have a direct knowledge of the applicant's character, life situation and educational/training goals and aspirations.
- Applicants are welcome to discuss their application with a Director of the Fleurieu Community Foundation and are encouraged to do so if they are unsure of their eligibility to apply, or need assistance. Feel free to contact Mark Oliphant by phoning 8551 0540.
- All successful applicants will be required to sign the Fleurieu Community Foundation Funding Conditions and provide a brief summary on the use of the funds.

Completed application together with supporting documentation should be:

Posted to: Florence Wilckens Award
Fleurieu Community Foundation,
PO Box 246, Victor Harbor SA 5211

Or emailed to: info@fleurieucommunityfoundation.org.au

Key date for nominations is – **Friday 22 November 2019**

Application Review Process

An Advisory Committee will evaluate applications for the Florence Wilckens Award and make recommendations to the Fleurieu Community Foundation Board. The Board has the final approval on the distribution of the Florence Wilckens Award.

To ensure that informed decisions are made, on occasions, applicants will be requested to provide further information.

Scholarship payments and tax

Recipients of education awards or scholarships are strongly encouraged to seek their own advice from Centrelink, the Australian Taxation Office, or a financial adviser for assistance regarding their own financial situation.

Successful applicants may be required to provide proof of enrolment before receiving the award payment.
