

TANTRUM OPEN

Applicant Info Pack

Thanks to the Tantrum OPEN Scholarship program, we are able to offer young people facing disadvantage (including social isolation, financial hardship, mental health barriers and/or disability) one year's (i.e. four school terms) free attendance at our on-site Creative Drama Workshops.*

There are two main parts to the Tantrum OPEN Scholarship application. Parents or carers must...



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*Applications are accepted throughout the year, though they are only reviewed quarterly (in time for the commencement of each Tantrum term – see dates on our Creative Drama Workshop page).

OPEN Scholarship places are limited, though we are always endeavouring to offer more! If we receive more eligible applications than we have scholarships available, we will award scholarships on the basis of who we believe stands to gain the most from attending Tantrum workshops.



ELIGIBILITY FORM

OPEN Scholarships are designed to give young people the opportunity to engage in the arts who might otherwise miss out. On the Eligibility Form, we therefore ask applicants to declare their status regarding our four major selection criteria:

(It is not necessary for you to provide details.)

Is your child experiencing **social isolation**?

Are you experiencing **financial hardship**?

Is your child facing barriers due to **mental health**?

Does your child identify as **having disability**?

We will also ask you to confirm:

1. Your child is able to attend a **full year** (four school terms) of Creative Drama Workshops.

2. Your child is able to attend the Creative Drama Workshop on the weekday which corresponds to their **age group**.

3. On the appropriate days, you can arrange for your child to be **dropped off and picked up** from Tantrum, or that they are able to make their own way there and home.



Finally, we want to ensure that your child will benefit from the Creative Drama Workshops. We therefore ask you to provide a **short statement** describing your child's interest in creativity and/or their creative nature.



REFERRAL

We ask that the referee has had an ongoing professional relationship (i.e. as a patient, client, or student – not as a family member or friend) with the applicant for at least six months.*

We accept referral letters from:



GPs



**Social
workers**



Teachers



OTs



Psychologists



Counsellors



**Support
workers**

Please supply your referee with the **Info for Referees** (Page 4), as this will help them with their letter. There will be a space for you to upload the letter on the Eligibility Form.

*If you are unable to supply a referral letter from a referee who meets these requirements, please contact us to discuss. We are always reviewing our application process and we welcome your feedback.

Info for TANTRUM OPEN referees

About Tantrum

Tantrum is the leading youth arts company in the Hunter region and a not-for-profit co-operative. We believe artistic expression is a powerful tool for young people to make sense of themselves, their community and the world around them, leading to change.

Each of our workshop facilitators is experienced in leading creative workshops with young people and has their own creative practice themselves. All of our workshop facilitators have First Aid and Youth Mental Health First Aid accreditation.

About Tantrum's Creative Drama Workshops

Tantrum's Creative Drama Workshops run throughout the school term and are suitable for young people aged 5-18. The workshops utilise performance, storytelling, world-building, improv and so much more to give young people an opportunity to build confidence, connections and compassion.

Although we do accept new participants throughout the school year, workshop size and composition tends to stay fairly consistent. We also make an effort to ensure our workshop facilitators are assigned the same workshop group each term (and, of course, week). This way, the participants are able to develop connections within their workshop group.

About Tantrum OPEN Scholarships

Thanks to the Tantrum OPEN Scholarship program, we are able to offer young people facing disadvantage (see below for criteria) one year's free attendance to our on-site Creative Drama Workshops. This program is made possible through generous donations from individuals and businesses in our community.

We ask that applications for the program are supported by a certified health, social work, or educational professional who has had an ongoing professional relationship (i.e. as a patient, client, or student – not as a family member or friend) with the applicant for at least six months.

About your referral letter

The letter should attest to **at least one** of our four major selection criteria. In order to be eligible for an OPEN Scholarship, an applicant must:

- Experience social isolation
- AND/ OR experience financial hardship
- AND/ OR face mental health barriers
- AND/ OR identify as having disability

The letter should describe the length and nature of your **relationship** with the applicant.

Finally, please describe any reasoning or evidence that you may hold that the **applicant will benefit** from the scholarship. These benefits may include creative self-expression, social inclusion, confidence building, routine and stability, and social skill development.

Please supply the letter (along with your contact details) to the applicant's parent or carer for them to attach to their application.