

Norfolk Music Service Bursaries

What they mean and how they are awarded

Norfolk Music Service believes that lack of finance will not be a barrier to musical talent and commitment.

We have a limited amount of funds to support children from low income families and enable them to learn to play a musical instrument.

How do I know if my child is eligible for an Instrumental Bursary?

To be eligible for an instrumental bursary a child must fulfil **all** of the following criteria:

- Be aged between 5yrs and 18yrs and attend school in Norfolk
- Show commitment, enthusiasm and the right attitude towards music
- Have already demonstrated very good progress and/or ability in music (this may not yet be on a musical instrument)
- Have a letter of support from the head teacher at school that evidences the above

In addition the child must either

- Be living with parents of carers who are eligible for Income Support **or** Employment and Support allowance **or** Job Seekers Allowance.

Or

- Be a child in care who would like to use a Music Service bursary to supplement part of his/her pupil premium allowance to enhance academic achievement through learning to play a musical instrument.

What will a Music Service Bursary give us?

A Music Service bursary entitles your child to:

- An individual instrumental lesson each week for 33 weeks of the school year until you leave school
- A musical instrument to take home and practice
- The music required to study
- The cost of all examination entries

What is the commitment?

Each child will be expected to

- Attend their instrumental lesson regularly with a Norfolk Music Service teacher
- Practice regularly
- Take care of the instrument
- Join a Norfolk Music Service ensemble (this may require you to arrange regular transport)

All bursaries are subject to an annual review.

The Music Service would like to encourage more students to play the following instruments

- Trombone
- French Horn
- Tuba
- Oboe
- Bassoon
- Double Bass
- Flute

What is the selection process?

If you are considered to be eligible for a Music Service Bursary you will be invited to attend an afternoon workshop. At the workshop everyone will work together making music at the appropriate level that suits their ability and discussion why music is important to them at this stage in their learning. The workshop will be after school either in King's Lynn, Norwich, Holt or Thetford and you need to allow 1.5hrs for the whole process.

What do I do next?

Talk to the head teacher at school so that they can support your application. Then complete the application form.

Please note that all your information will be treated in the strictest confidence. No information will be kept on file other than that required for demonstrating our financial support. No information will be passed to any other party without your permission.

Thank You



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