

## News Alert

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### **Funding to Help Young Musicians Fulfil Their Creative Potential**

This annual programme is aimed at families that are struggling to pay for the next key step in their child's musical progression. The grants aim to help with many of the major costs of music education for instrumentalists between the ages of 5 and 17 years.

Support is available for instrumentalists making music in any genre.

The young musician must satisfy one of the following residency conditions:

- The young person has been resident in the British Islands for the past three years.
- The young person is a national of a member state of the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland and is the child of a migrant worker.
- The young person is a refugee or the child of a refugee who has not been ordinarily resident outside the British Islands since being recognised as a refugee or granted leave to enter or remain in the British Islands.

The funding is intended to help with many of the major costs of music education, including the following:

- Instrumental tuition costs.
- Purchasing or hiring of an instrument or computer.
- Access to suitable rehearsal space or making alterations to practise at home.
- Purchasing instrumental accessories such as cases, bows, reeds, light-weight instrument case, etc.
- Fees for long-term music courses such as Saturday school fees.
- Travel for attending long-term music courses (where the young musician has a long journey).
- Purchasing sheet music.
- Exam entry fees.
- Audition fees and associated travel costs.

Up to £100,000 is awarded each year. Although the average grant awarded is £500, applicants can request a maximum of £2,000. All awards are made to institutions, music organisations, music teachers and other suppliers and not directly to students or their families.

**The closing date for applications is 27 April 2020.**

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