



Application Guidance Notes for Schools of Music

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

History

The Foundation was founded in 1959 by the late George Drexler OBE for the advancement of education.

Restrictions & Eligibility

1. Under this section four schools of music are invited to apply they are: the Royal College of Music, the Royal Academy of Music, Guildhall School of Music and Drama and The Purcell School.

2. Schools should note that the applications they submit must be for students who are UK citizens attending full time courses and that the Trustees wish to identify and assist particularly gifted or talented students who struggle to meet fees or living expenses. Each school can submit up to two applications with each with a maximum value of £10,000.

3. Schools should note that the Foundation will not fund overseas students, volunteering, part time study or study abroad.

4. It is a strict requirement of the Foundation that *a personal or family link with commerce is established for an application to be considered*. To qualify either the applicant, the applicant's parents or grandparents must have worked in or owned a commercial business. This does not include professional people i.e. doctors, accountants, architects, solicitors, etc. Supporting documentation may be required. In the majority of cases this is not an obstacle and further guidance can be sought from the Administrator.

Timing

Grants are made annually, with applications considered by the Trustees in May each year. Applications must be submitted by the music schools online through the Foundation's website by the **31 March**. Applications submitted after this date will not be considered. The Foundation will notify the school of the outcome of their application(s) by early June.

Value

Under this category a maximum grant pool of £10,000 is available which each of the four selected schools can bid for competitively. Schools can apply for the whole sum or a portion of it and should submit **no more than two** separate applications. The Trustees will then decide in what proportions the grant will be distributed amongst the four schools. The Trustees may decide to award the full grant to one individual, to divide it amongst 8 or less, or to make no award.

Payment of Grants

Grants will be paid to the individual via their School of Music usually in August of the year awarded. For larger grants it may be necessary to split the award into two payments up to 6 months apart.

Applying again

Previous grant recipients from the four schools will not be considered outside the Schools of Music Application process. However, schools can include previous grant recipients or those who were unsuccessful in previous years in their applications.



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Monitoring

It is mandatory that all grant recipients submit a progress report to the Trustees; this will be requested in the February following the start of the academic year for which the grant was awarded.

How to Apply

- Schools of Music should discuss this funding opportunity with potential applicants and where appropriate their families and provide them with the Foundation's *Application Form* and *Guidance Notes for Students*. (See restrictions & eligibility)

- All applicants must complete the Foundation's application form and provide a personal statement of no more than 1 side of A4 paper outlining their career ambitions/intentions and why they are seeking financial assistance from the Foundation.

- These documents must be returned to their music school contact.

- It is then at the discretion of the school of music to shortlist a maximum of two candidates using an equal weighting of musical ability and financial need.

- Those shortlisted should be submitted to the Foundation via the online form on our website.
www.georgedrexler.org.uk/applying-for-funding/music-schools

- The Head of School, Tutor (or appropriate person) should provide a letter of recommendation to accompany the student's application. Applicants should be placed in priority order indicating the sum requested.

The School of Music must submit all online applications with attached letters of recommendation on behalf of the candidates by 31st March.

Any general queries about the process should be addressed directly to the Administrator at the Foundation on 020 7869 6086 or at info@georgedrexler.org.uk.

Please Note:

The trustees wish to recognise excellence and exceptional ability or potential and applications should demonstrate this.

The application process is competitive and there is no guaranteed commitment of funding from the Foundation.

Online applications should be submitted by the School of Music by 31st March.

The application form and guidance notes for completion by applicants can be downloaded from our website.
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