



## APPLICATION GUIDANCE NOTES FOR SCHOOLS OF MUSIC

### RESTRICTIONS & ELIGIBILITY

- Under the scheme 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.
- 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 a total across both applications of a maximum value of £10,000.
- Schools should note that the Foundation does not fund *overseas students, volunteering, part time study, study abroad or gap year projects*.
- It is a mandatory requirement of the Foundation that a personal or family **link with commerce is established** for an application to be considered. To qualify 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. Details supporting this link will be requested on the application form.
- The Trustees give preference to applications that will ultimately benefit the United Kingdom and its communities.

### TIMING

Grants are annual, 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) in June.

### VALUE

Under this category a maximum grant pool of £10,000 is available to 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

Grants are normally paid directly to the individual usually in September 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 and those who were unsuccessful in previous rounds can reapply via their School of Music however; there is no guarantee of repeat funding.

### MONITORING

It is mandatory that all grant recipients submit a progress report to the Trustees; this will be in the March 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 Music School Students*.
- All applicants must complete the application form and provide a personal statement of no more 800 words 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 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](http://www.georgedrexler.org.uk/applying-for-funding)
- The Head of School, Tutor (or appropriate person) should provide a letter of support/reference to accompany the student's application.
- The online form enables two separate files to be attached to the application, one for the personal statement and one for the letter of support/reference. There is no need to scan them into one document to attach them. The hardship statement still needs to be typed on the form.

### **THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC MUST SUBMIT APPLICATIONS ONLINE WITH ATTACHED LETTERS OF SUPPORT ON BEHALF OF THE CANDIDATES BY 31 MARCH.**

Any general queries about the process should be addressed directly to the Secretary at the Foundation on 020 7869 6086 or at [info@georgedrexler.org.uk](mailto:info@georgedrexler.org.uk).

**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.**

The application form and guidance notes for completion by applicants can be downloaded from our website. [www.georgedrexler.org.uk/applying-for-funding](http://www.georgedrexler.org.uk/applying-for-funding)