

# Roger O'Shea Fund for Young Musicians

## 1. About the Fund

As young musicians progress with their music education, practical barriers can hinder the progression of those who do not have the financial means to support some of the associated costs.

The Roger O'Shea Fund for Young Musicians has been created to support talented young musicians with potential at any stage of their studies on an orchestral instrument who need financial and practical support to progress these studies.

The Fund will support musicians of any age who show real potential with any of the following:

- 1.1 The cost of entry for graded examinations or diplomas.
- 1.2 The cost of music required for graded examinations or diplomas.
- 1.3 The cost of an accompanist for graded examinations or diplomas.
- 1.4 The cost of travel to and from auditions for universities or conservatoires and accommodation if required.
- 1.5 The cost of smart clothing required to attend auditions for universities or conservatoires.
- 1.6 A contribution towards the cost of taking part in Kent Music Summer School and/or county ensembles and choirs.

The maximum amount that can be applied for in one year is **£1,000**.

## 2. Criteria

In order to apply applicants must fall into one of the following categories:

- 2.1 Children and young people eligible for Free School Meals (year 3 or above)

Live in households in receipt of:

- 2.2 Universal Credit or any other the benefits detailed below where Universal Credit is not in place:

*Child Tax Credit*

*Housing Benefit*

*Income Support*  
*Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)*  
*Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)*  
*Working Tax Credit*

2.3 Incapacity Benefit

2.4 Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit)

Applicants must be aged 19 or under.

### 3. How to Apply

To apply to the Fund please send the following:

3.1 Evidence that you meet at least one of the criteria set out in 2 above.

3.2 An explanation of what you would like the Fund to support and how much you are seeking.

3.3 A short statement from your teacher to support your application, explaining how a grant from the Fund will help you to progress with your musical studies.

Please send your application by email to the Finance Manager, Kent Music, **Email: [finance@kent-music.com](mailto:finance@kent-music.com)**

Applications to the Fund can be made at any time of the year and will be considered on a first come first served basis. If possible, they should be submitted at least 4 weeks in advance of funding being required, and funding will be released on the submission of proof of payment/receipts.

### 4. Other Information

Subject to availability, successful applicants may also have access to a musical instrument Kent Music's stock of instruments.

The Fund will not support the cost of instrumental tuition. Kent Music has a separate Financial Assistance scheme for this, to which you may apply. More information can be found [here](https://www.kent-music.com/financial-assistance/) (<https://www.kent-music.com/financial-assistance/>).