

FRIENDS OF BEDFORDSHIRE YOUTH MUSIC

FINANCIAL AID FOR

BEDFORDSHIRE MUSIC TRUST HOLIDAY COURSES



The Friends of Bedfordshire Youth Music (FBYM) charity exists to support young musicians involved in the orchestral, band and choral groups organised by Bedfordshire Music Trust (BMT) and the music services of Central Bedfordshire and Bedford Borough. One element of that support is to provide financial aid for students who would otherwise not be able to attend one of the holiday courses organised by BMT.

What financial support is available?

FBYM will offer families up to 100% remission of fees where the family has children entitled to Free School Meals or whose household annual income is below £20,000, and support of 75%, 50% and 25% to other families up to other families up to a household income of £26,000. In exceptional circumstances we will support other children where there is an obvious need.

Who can apply

Applications will be considered from any family with one or more students wishing to attend a holiday course organised by BMT.

How to apply

Applications for financial aid should be made to the FBYM Grants Secretary (grants@fbym.org.uk)

**F.B.Y.M.
65 Spring Road
Kempston
Bedford
MK42 8LT**

who will make recommendation to the Grants sub-committee of the FBYM. Once a decision has been reached, the BMT course application form can be submitted with the appropriate grant reference number as supplied by FBYM, along with any remaining payment required (dependent on the level of grant provided by FBYM).

When to apply

Forms must be submitted to the FBYM Grants Secretary at least two weeks prior to the closing date for course applications, for consideration by the Grants sub-committee. Late applications may be considered subject to the availability of funds and if approved credit will be applied to the next course.

Application must be made for **each course** as parental or student financial circumstances may change between courses. Evidence to support applications will be required for each academic year.

Forms can be requested at any time and can be downloaded from our website: www.fbym.org.uk/grants

Applications for support will be considered by the Friends of Bedfordshire Youth Music from:

- **Parent(s)/carer(s) of students in full time education** (prior to higher or further education) who are on a low income (below £26,000). Applications will require supporting evidence in respect of household income or where applicable, a copy of a local authority letter confirming Free School Meal eligibility will also suffice as evidence.
- **Students in higher or further education, or a modern apprenticeship** who will be required (in addition to the standard form) to provide a letter of application, outlining the financial and musical reasons that endorse their claim.
- **Other parents/carers or students who can demonstrate exceptional circumstances** who will be required (in addition to the standard form) to provide a letter of application, outlining the financial and musical reasons that endorse their claim.

If you fall into any of these criteria and wish to apply for assistance, please complete and return the attached form.

Any additional financial support from other charities or sources (e.g. sponsorship) for a holiday course must also be declared.

The decision of the Grants sub-committee will be final.

Application for Financial Support with Bedfordshire Music Trust Courses

**To be completed by the Parent / Carer (or student if in further or higher education).
A separate form must be submitted for each student.**

1. Name of Applicant: _____
2. Name of Participant: _____
3. Date of Birth _____
4. Address: _____

5. Applicant's Email Address. _____
 (required for confirmation of grant and supply of reference number for entry on course application form)
6. Applicants Telephone No. _____
7. Name of BMT group: _____
8. Course: Christmas / February Half term / Easter / May Half term / Summer / October Half term
 (Please circle course applied for)
9. Please state grounds of application, including details of any state benefits being received:

10. Please give details of all children in the family starting with the participant (tick columns as applicable)

Name	School/College attended	Receives Instrumental lessons at school (yes/no)	Belongs to a BMT Music group (state which)	Will be attending next course (yes/no)

11. Total cost of Course: £ _____
 Amount of support requested: £ _____

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12. Have you applied for financial assistance from the Friends before? Yes / No
13. Have you received financial support for the holiday course from any other source? Yes / No
 If 'Yes' please state source and amount _____
14. Any other comment you wish to make in support of your application

I certify that the information detailed above is accurate to the best of my knowledge

Signed: _____ Date: _____
 Parent / Carer / Student

THIS FORM IS TO BE RETURNED AT THE LATEST BY TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE CLOSING DATE FOR COURSE APPLICATIONS, TOGETHER WITH COPY DOCUMENTATION STATING ANNUAL INCOME AND/OR ANY OTHER DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE APPLICATION.

To be sent to:

**F.B.Y.M
 65 Spring Road
 Kempston
 Bedford
 MK42 8LT**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

FBYM Reference Number: _____

	%	Amount in £	Signed	Date
FBYM Contribution				
Amount to be paid by Parent / Student				