



GORDON ROBINSON BURSARIES – GUIDELINES 2020-21

The Gordon Robinson Trust holds money to support the education of some of the most talented, committed and promising young musicians in the county by covering some of the costs of specialist tuition outside school hours for those who are in need of some financial support. These are awarded under the following conditions:

GENERAL:

1. Applicants must attend an NMPAT County Group or Saturday Centre, and normally be at least 11 years old at the time of their application. Applications are welcomed from candidates living outside the county, but in the event of an excess of demand, priority will be given to Northamptonshire residents.
2. The bursary will provide students with a grant of £400 towards tuition in their first study instrument (or voice) each year. The award is for one year but can be extended by two further years to a maximum of three on receipt of proof of continued satisfactory performance.
3. Bursaries can only be used towards the cost of individual lessons provided by NMPAT.
4. Bursary holders will be expected to retain membership of at least one County Group or Saturday Centre playing the instrument (or voice) on which they audition, and pay any necessary fees.
6. Other than in extenuating circumstances, only one bursary will be made available to a family at any one time.
7. Bursaries are to a maximum of three years and out of fairness to other candidates, applications beyond this period cannot normally be accepted.

SELECTION:

1. Every candidate for a bursary should download, complete and submit an application form to this office. This includes nominating two people who can offer musical references on the candidate's work and standard.
2. Candidates must have been studying for a minimum of two years and normally be at least grade 4-5 standard, but more importantly should show potential to continue to develop.
3. It is recognised that some candidates may not have taken examinations. This should not preclude them from applying, but they will be required to present work of a suitable standard for their age.

4. Candidates are expected to perform two short contrasting pieces of their own choice in their first study. Because of the current situation, this will need to be via a video recording uploaded on Flipgrid, a code for which will be sent to you after the closing date.

AWARD OF BURSARIES:

The decision of the interviewing panel shall be final in all instances.

Families who believe that their child may qualify for consideration are invited to send a completed application form, preferably by email, with a subject line of Bursary Application to office@NMPAT.co.uk Alternatively they can be posted to the office: NMPAT, 125 Kettering Road, Northampton NN1 4AZ.

Applications for bursaries should be received **no later than Friday 31st July 2020.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Smalley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke underneath.

Peter Smalley
Chief Executive