

The Agar Trust

Supporting young musicians in rural Scotland

Guidelines for applicants 2018

The aim of the Agar Trust is to address the challenges faced by young people (8-21) resident in rural Scotland, who demonstrate exceptional musical ability and potential, and wish to further their musical education.

Who can apply?

You will be aged between 8 -21 at 30th Sep 2018

You will have proven musical skills and exceptional musical ability

You must be resident in a rural part of Scotland (see map for guidance; preference will be given to those in Remote Rural areas)

What can you apply for?

You can apply for a grant towards attendance at an educational opportunity which relates directly to your musical studies. For example, this might be:

a short course

a concert or audition

further tuition at Junior departments of music schools, Saturday music schools etc
rehearsals of a national orchestra, band, or choir

travel to any of the above

The Agar Trust awards grants from £100 up to £1000. If you are successful in gaining an award it may not be for the full amount requested. Grants are for **one year**. All previous applicants (successful or otherwise) are welcome to apply again. Award winners may re-apply one year after the original award.

How to apply

1. The on-line application form must be completed by the applicant or parent/guardian.
2. Your music teacher must complete the on-line referee form **and email it to you**.
3. Please submit both your application form and your completed referee form by email as attached files. Please **do not** scan paper copies, we need .doc files so we can process applications quickly and efficiently.
4. Then print the declaration, sign and post it.

Remember, you must submit three completed documents before we can process your application:

- **application form;**
- **referee form;**
- **signed declaration (posted)**

We regret we will not be able to acknowledge receipt of application forms.

We will inform all applicants by email of the outcome of their application within one month of the deadline. **Please check your email (and junk folder) regularly.**

The decisions of the Agar Trust are final and no appeals procedure will be entered into.

You are strongly advised to apply to other funds **as well as** the Agar Trust. This will greatly strengthen your application. Please see the list below for ideas.

We cannot fund

Purchase of musical instruments

Activity, short course etc completed before your application

Attendance at an orchestra, band or choir, before your audition takes place

General living costs unrelated to a specific musical project

FE or HE maintenance costs

Overseas tours of an orchestra, band or choir

At the end of the grant (one year)

1. We will send you a completion form

2. Why not make a contribution to music making in your local area, e.g., give a talk to the local school on your experiences and how the Agar Trust award helped you, contribute to a concert etc.?

We welcome photos of any of these events for the website or Facebook page.

And don't forget to include the Agar Trust award in your cv!

Closing date for applications: 30th Sept 2018

Please address any queries to info@agar-trust.org.uk

Please note that our funds are limited, so please do apply to other sources as well as the Agar Trust. You could try looking locally – some schools and colleges have their own funds and some authorities have small trust funds. It depends where you live.

Other funds which previous applicants have applied to

Highland Council Friends of Highland Music	Borders Young Musicians Borders Youth Music
Coldstream Council	Scottish Borders Council Educational Trust
Fife Council Creativity grant	Forres Academy
Moray Council	Lochaber School Fund
Angus Council Arts Fund	Inverness Royal Academy Endowment Trust
Roxburghshire Educational Trust	St Mary's Music School
W Isles Council Arts Revenue grant	Hollywood Trust (D & G)
Arran Society of Glasgow	Dunraig Educational Trust (Highland)
Local Rotary Club	Local Round Table
Ross-shire Educational Trust	Fèisean nan Gàidheal
James McLean Trust (Borders)	John Leishmann Trust (Borders)
Dumfries and Galloway Area Committee	Junior RCS
Bute Education Fund	Kenneth MacPherson Memorial Trust (Lochaber)
Lanarkshire Educational Trust	North Ayrshire Nurturing Excellence Programme
Wolfsen Trust	St Andrew's Welcome Trust
Argyll Education Trust	Mid Argyll Rotary
	Allen & Mgt Wilson Award
Scottish Borders Council Educational Trust	North Ayrshire Nurturing Excellence Programme
Aberdeenshire Excel Fund	

National funds

Dewar Arts Awards www.dewarawards.org

Musicians Benevolent Fund – Funding Wizard at www.helpmusicians.org.uk/

Awards for Young Musicians <http://www.a-y-m.org.uk/>

Future Talent <http://www.futuretalent.org/>

Wrightson Trust <http://www.wrightsontrust.co.uk/>

Finzi Scholarship <http://www.geraldfinzi.org/>

Guidance for college students from SAAS

If you are not eligible to receive support from public funds, you may find it useful to check the Directory of Grant Making Trusts (published by the Charities Aid Foundation), the Grants Register (published by MacMillan), or the Charities Digest (published by the Education Grants Advisory Service). You can usually find these in large public libraries. SAAS also maintains a Register of Educational Endowments which has information on various Scottish trusts.