

The Agar Trust

Supporting young musicians in rural Scotland

Guidelines for applicants 2020

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 or potential, and wish to further their musical education beyond their local area.

Who can apply?

You will be aged between 8 -21 at 30 September 2020.

You will have proven musical skills and exceptional musical ability or potential.

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 primarily for travel and subsistence towards attendance at an educational opportunity which relates directly to your musical studies and *which is beyond your local area*. For example, this might be:

a short course;

an audition;

Junior conservatoire;

rehearsals of a national orchestra, band, or choir;

private tuition;

conservatoire or residential music school.

The Agar Trust awards grants from £100 up to £500, mostly for travel and subsistence. 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.

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

- **application form;**
- **referee form.**

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. 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 do not 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, individual tuition or courses.

At the end of the activity you have been funded to attend

1. Please fill in your 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 2020

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

Aberdeenshire

David & June Gordon Memorial Trust
Aberdeenshire Excel Fund
Aberdeenshire Charities Trust
Mary Salmond Trust

Argyll & Bute

Argyll Education Trust
Bute Education Fund
Mid Argyll Rotary

Borders

Borders Young Musicians
Borders Youth Music
Scottish Borders Council Educational Trust
John Leishmann Trust
James McLean Trust
Roxburghshire Educational Trust
Coldstream Council

Dumfries and Galloway

Dumfries and Galloway Area Committee
Galloway Assn of Glasgow
Kirkcudbright Rotary Club
Newton Stewart Round Table
Holywood Trust

Highlands

Highland Children's Trust
Ross-shire Educational Trust
Duncraig Educational Trust
Inverness Royal Academy Endowment Trust

Lochaber

Kenneth MacPherson Memorial Trust
Lochaber School Fund
Rotary Trust of Lochaber

Moray

Moray Council

Forres Academy

North Ayrshire

North Ayrshire Nurturing Excellence Programme

Arran Society of Glasgow

Shetland

Shetland Charitable Trust

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/>

Music & Dance Scheme (English music schools) <https://www.gov.uk/music-dance-scheme>

Princes Trust <https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/help-for-young-people/get-funding-train-learn>