

ST. COLUMB'S SCHOOL OF MUSIC
FOUNDATION

MUSIC FOR ALL

BURSARIES 2024-25

St. Columb's School of Music
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ABOUT OUR FOUNDATION



The School of Music Foundation provides an opportunity for musical growth, helping students take the first step in learning a musical instrument, by helping exceptional students reach their goals and go that step further, and to give all students and opportunities to learn, experience and participate in music through our events and concerts.

We believe that our vast range of educational opportunities must be open to those who will benefit most from learning here, not just those who can afford the fees. We are committed to providing places to students regardless of financial means and we therefore offer bursaries and scholarships. The School of Music Foundation provides an invaluable link to the corporate community, through sponsor and patron development, and provides a focus for music lovers to nurture and encourage the teaching and performance of music. St. Columb's School of Music believes that a socially diverse student population is a key component of successful and balanced musical education. Therefore, we are committed to providing financial assistance to students as a community benefit.

Donations and Sponsorship to the School of Music Foundation can be used in a range of projects designed to encourage the best from the students and staff of the School. These include:

- Scholarships and Bursaries
- End of Year Prizes
- Support for Masterclasses and Workshops to bring national and international visiting artists to the School of Music
- Support for local concerts and recitals to bring national and international visiting artists to the School of Music
- Local performances of student ensembles
- The Instrument Acquisition Program to assist young musicians to reach their musical potential

BURSARY APPLICATION

Bursaries are designed to provide assistance to families who are experiencing financial difficulties which threaten the ability of the student to learn a musical instrument and attend St. Columb's School of Music. Bursaries will run from September until the End of Year Concert (June). Bursaries are limited to one bursary per student.

Bursary Guidelines:

1. The deadline for a completed bursary application and supporting documents is Friday 16th August at 5pm. Incomplete applications or applications received after this date will not be considered.
2. Each application is considered by the Award Committee, whose decision is final. The decision will be communicated to parents.
3. The bursary award scheme is designed to provide assistance to families who are experiencing financial difficulties which threaten the ability of the student to learn a musical instrument. It is expected that parents will exercise integrity and honesty at all times when making an application for a Bursary.
4. Applicants for bursaries must demonstrate real financial need; families who may be classified as low income, but have substantial assets may be ineligible to receive a Bursary.
5. Once an award is approved, parents will be sent information regarding the amount of the Bursary, the duration and any additional conditions e.g. maintaining a level of achievement in certain subjects.
6. Students receiving a Bursary are expected to respect and comply with all school Policies and Procedures at all times and to make continued progress in their area of excellence as recognised in the Bursary Award. Should this not be the case, St. Columb's School of Music reserve the right to terminate the Bursary at the end of the academic year in which failure to adhere to the above conditions has been raised with the student and/or their family.
7. Any change in financial circumstances must be reported to the school. If the change in financial circumstances means the student no longer satisfies the criteria for an award, it will be discontinued. Failure to divulge to the school any requested information, or a change in circumstances could result in immediate cancellation of a bursary.
8. All applications are treated in the strictest confidence.

Application Process

Early submission of Bursary applications is advised. Please include the following documents with applications;

- A completed application form
- Proof of eligibility if required.

Applications can be delivered in person to the School Reception, or by post to:

St. Columb's School of Music

1 St. Columb's Court

L'Derry

BT48 6PT

Or by email to: music@stcolumbsschoolofmusic.com

BURSARY APPLICATION FORM

To be completed by the Parent/Guardian/Organisation/Young Person (if aged 18 years) responsible for the student.

Pupil First Name: Pupil Surname:

Pupil Date of Birth:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Home Address:

..... Postcode:

Contact Number: Contact Email:

Name of School/College (if appropriate):

Name of Teacher:

Musical experience (if any):

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Instrument(s) that you might like to learn:

Applicant is an occupant of an Apex property : Yes No

Only inhabitants of an Apex property are eligible for the Apex Housing bursary. All applications will be checked with Apex to confirm eligibility.

Signed:

Parent/Guardian

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