**Ghosh Trust Bursary**

Academic Year 2019-2020

The Ghosh Trust bursary is re-opening in November 2019 to assist talented young musicians with the cost of receiving instrumental tuition through MAPAS (Salford’s Music and Performing Arts Service). The bursary is not means tested, but it is designed to subsidise the cost of lessons for those who would otherwise be unable to continue to play.

Each successful applicant will be awarded £200 towards tuition costs across the year (£100 per term) and an additional £100 to be used towards other costs such as examination entries, books etc.

Eligibility criteria

* Applications are open to young people who are currently in Year 10 or above, with an upper age limit of 18.
* Applicants must live in Salford
* Funding is for pupils who have already started learning and are showing great promise and dedication but are financially unable to maintain tuition. No minimum standard is required, but the funding will not support complete beginners.
* Instrumentalists and vocalists are welcomed to apply
* Successful applicants can only use the funding for lessons with a MAPAS tutor, organised through the MAPAS office. All funds will be handled by MAPAS and no individual will be given a cash award.
* There is an expectation that pupils who receive funding attend ensemble (group) activities such as a band, orchestra or choir at our Arts Centre. If this is not possible then they must show evidence that they are heavily involved in ensemble activities elsewhere (e.g. in school).

Applying for this bursary

If you would like to apply to this fund, please complete the attached application form and return it no later than **Friday 13 December 2019 at 5pm** to [tina.parsons@scll.co.uk](mailto:tina.parsons@scll.co.uk) or by post:

FAO Tina Parsons

MAPAS

Moorside High School

57 Deans Road

Swinton

Salford

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If your application meets with the criteria then it will be assessed by the MAPAS Development Team. Before they make a decision they may require further information from you or your Referee so ensure you return you application in good time to enable follow ups if required.

You will be notified whether your application has been successful by no later than Friday 20 December. Please note that there is limited funding available and the decision of the Development Team will be final.

The scheme will run annually and will re-launch next academic year. Unsuccessful applicants are welcome to re-apply the following year.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

* If you are under the age of 18 your parent/carer or representative must sign on your behalf
* Incomplete forms will be returned and we will ask you to supply the missing information. The complete form must be returned by the deadline
* Applications received after the deadline will not be processed
* Please keep a copy of your completed Application Form for your reference

About the Ghosh Trust

The Ghosh Trust (formally the Ghosh Bequest) was established in September 1948 out of the estate of the late Dr Jotindranath Ghosh by a bequest in his will for the benefit of the children of Salford to provide assistance to them in the study of English literature and language. In 2014 the trustees agreed that the charity would also support students engaged in further educational studies in music, drama and dance.

This bursary has been established to run annually from September 2019. Successful applicants from this scheme who are considering studying music, English literature or English language at degree level are encouraged to apply to the Trust for further support during their degree studies. For more information about how to do this please contact the MAPAS office.

**Ghosh Trust Bursary Application Form**

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**About the Applicant**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| First Name |  | Surname |  |
| House No |  | | |
| Street |  | | |
| Town |  | | |
| City |  | Postcode |  |
| Email address *(representative’s email address if Applicant is under 18)*  \*please ensure that this is an email address you check regularly because we may need to contact you | | | |
| Home Telephone |  | Mobile telephone |  |
| Applicant’s date of birth |  | How many years has the applicant been a resident in Salford |  |
| School |  | | |
| Instrument |  | Standard (Grade, if taken exams) |  |
| Current MAPAS tutor (if applicable) |  | | |

**Why you are Applying**

We would encourage the young person who will be receiving the funding to answer questions 1-4 in their own words so that we can fully understand their musical background.

If you require additional space to complete your answers then please attach an additional sheet and make reference to this in the answer box.

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| 1. Please explain why you are applying for this funding. |
| 2. Please tell us about any past achievements or experiences you may have had that demonstrate commitment to this opportunity. |
| 3. Please also tell us about your aims for the future and how this opportunity will help you in what you want to achieve. |
| 4. What will you gain from this opportunity? |
| 5. Please explain **why you cannot fund this opportunity yourself**.  Note: this question is to be answered by your parent, guardian or carer if you are under 18. *Include here details of any circumstances standing in your or the applicant’s way of undertaking this opportunity without support.* |

**Referees**

To help the MAPAS Development team make informed decisions we will need you to provide the names of two individuals (not relatives or friends) who have a professional relationship with the applicant and who are willing to act as Referees for your application. One of these must be your current instrumental tutor, the other may be your school or college music teacher or whoever else you feel is most appropriate. Please give their details below:

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| **Referee 1** | | | | |
| First Name(s) |  | | Surname |  |
| Email address |  | | | |
| Telephone |  | | | |
| How do you know this person?  *Referees must not be friends or relatives* | | | | |
| Signature of referee | |  | Print name |  |
| **Referee 2** | | | | |
| First Name(s) |  | | Surname |  |
| Email address |  | | | |
| Telephone |  | | | |
| How do you know this person?  *Referees must not be friends or relatives* | | | | |
| Signature of referee | |  | Print name |  |