

## Bursary Scheme

At Bath Strings Academy we believe that every child has a right to a musical education and we seek to remove financial barriers for those instrumental learners who are keen to come to our courses, but for whom attendance would not be possible without some assistance. BSA is pleased to offer a limited number of bursaries as part of our inclusion policy.

### **Bursaries for Workshops:**

Bursaries for our workshops are currently in development; in the meantime, please contact us in confidence if you have an enquiry.

### **Bursaries for Summer School:**

#### **7 - 11 years old**

1 x maximum 70% fees

1 x maximum 50% fees

#### **12 - 18 years old**

1 x maximum 70% fees

2 x maximum 50% fees

Bath Strings Academy will consider all eligible applications and will make awards up to the maximum percentages stated. To ensure fairness, every application is reviewed in confidence by an independent person who makes the final decision.

### **Who is eligible?**

Our bursaries are open to primary and secondary children aged between 7 - 18 years who attend a State School and whose parents have a joint income of less than £30,000 per annum. Bursaries for children attending an Independent School will also be considered if their place at school is financially assisted due to low parental income.

### **How do I apply?**

Please download and fill out our Booking Form online. In addition, please download the Bursary Application Pack for which you will need to provide the following information:

- Brief details of your income
- A reference from your child's instrumental teacher

- A personal statement stating your circumstances, why you need funding and why you would like to attend our course

### **Enquiries**

For further information or a confidential discussion about the bursary scheme, please contact us.

### **Terms & Conditions**

1) Bursary funding will cover tuition fees up to the maximum percentage stated for each award, based on a sliding scale of need as determined by the application process.

2) Bursary funding excludes any additional hours and fees for wraparound care.

3) The **closing date** for bursary applications is **midday on 24th July**.

4) Final outcomes on bursaries decisions will be notified by 28th July.

5) Successful applicants must agree to the following:

- to give consent for their child to be photographed for use in Bath Strings Academy publicity
- for parent and child to be named in press releases
- for the child to be filmed during the course and to give parental consent for footage to be shared via social media and use for Bath Strings Academy publicity
- for parent and child to write a testimonial as guided by questions in the Bursary Application Pack and for it to be returned to Bath Strings Academy within 14 days of the course end date

### **Alternative Funding Sources**

For future courses you may like to approach the following organisations which support funding for music courses, tuition and instrument purchase. Funding applications can take time, so we suggest that you make your application to these organisations as soon as we announce our 2018 course dates, which will be shortly after the end of our August 2017 summer school.

<http://www.futuretalent.org>

<http://www.emimusicfoundation.com>

<http://www.musicforall.org.uk/apply-for-funding/>

<http://www.estastrings.org.uk>

via Joan Dickson Chamber Music Fund (JDCMF) bursaries which enable pupils of ESTA (UK) members under the age of 18 to attend Chamber Music Courses