



KCC Music Bursary Scheme

Criteria for remission of fees for music tuition/courses for students attending Kent maintained schools

Eligibility

For pupils from families who meet any of the following criteria:

1. Income support
2. Working tax credit (not child tax credit although families in receipt of WTC may also receive CTC).
3. Incapacity benefit
4. State retirement pension where pension credit is awarded
5. Children eligible for free school meals (FSM).

**** For Looked After Children (LAC), the source of funding will now be their Personal Education Allowance and not this KCC Bursary. Please consult your Local LAC Adviser for further details.***

In case of criteria 1- 4 it is the parent or carer who must be in receipt of the benefit, not, who is paying the bill.

Level of remission

For Tuition

The following circumstances apply to all children:

50% (or 75% if the child is entitled to FSM) of the charge levied.

Instrument hire

KCC will supply free instruments for use with bursary awards

Consideration of applications

Applications for awards will need to be returned to Advisory Service Kent by:

Friday 19 June for Autumn Term

Friday 20 November for Spring Term

Friday 19 March for Summer Term

Awards will be made in the following order of priority

- 1. Supporting “Continuers” following on from Wider Opportunities whole year free tuition (A school may apply for an award for a whole group of “continuers” if there are compelling reasons that pupils are disadvantaged because of inability of parents to make any financial contributions)**
- 2. Pupils involved in group tuition and ensemble making (including approved music centres)**
- 3. Individual tuition for Gifted and Talented pupils(e.g. Grade VI and above), or pupils who for special reasons require an individual lesson**
- 4. Supporting progression of pupils attending approved music courses (e.g. Kent Annual Benenden Summer School, Northbourne Park Summer School, CCCU Summer Rock School)**
- 5. Supporting progression through Kent Music Academy, Kent County groups, and other approved regional and national ensembles.**

Awards for Ensemble Activities

50% of approved music centre membership 50% of fees for approved courses, including Kent Music Academy, County Groups and residential courses for KCYO and KYWO, but excluding foreign tours., Annual Summer Schools (e.g. Kent Annual Benenden Summer School, Northbourne Park Summer School, CCCU Summer Rock School), As is the case for instrumental tuition, children who are entitled to FSM will receive bursaries of 75%.

Payment of awards

1. For instrumental tuition provided by Kent Music, the award will be paid direct to Kent Music (and invoices sent to parents will be adjusted to reflect this)
- 2. All other awards will be paid to the school that the pupil attends (Successful awards will be paid to families through schools with the KCC funding paid into the school monthly advance.)**

Application for awards

Application form is available by contacting Amy Taylor on 01622 203800 or by emailing amy.taylor@kent.gov.uk or by visiting the ASK website: www.kenttrustweb.org.uk/ask