

**FRIENDS OF BEDFORDSHIRE YOUTH MUSIC**  
**GRANTING FINANCIAL AID FOR**  
**MUSIC CENTRE ACTIVITIES**

The Friends of Bedfordshire Youth Music exist to support the young musicians of Bedfordshire. One element of that support is to provide financial aid to families whose children otherwise would not be able to attend one of the Music Centres organised by Bedfordshire Music.

**Who can apply**

Applications will be considered from any student wishing to attend any Music Centre organised by Bedfordshire Music.

**How to apply**

Applications for financial aid for up to 50% of the cost of the music centre fee applied for should be made to the trustee of Friends of Bedfordshire Music:

**F.B.Y.M.**  
**2 Thorpe Way**  
**Wootton**  
**Bedford**  
**MK43 9ES**

who will make recommendation to the Grants sub-committee of the Friends of Bedfordshire Youth Music. The Music Centre/weekly group form should be submitted with the full fee to the leader of the Music Centre or after school group.

**When to apply**

Applications to be made by the end of the first week after a new Music Centre term (normally mid January, late April, or mid September) for consideration by the Grants sub-committee. Late applications may be considered subject to the availability of funds.

Application must be made each term as parental financial circumstances may change during a term. Proof of receipt of benefit will be needed with each application. This will allow for changes in personal circumstances.

Forms can be requested at the end of term for submission before the start of the following term provided that financial circumstances do not change.

Forms can be requested at any time and can be downloaded from our website: [www.fbym.org.uk](http://www.fbym.org.uk).

**The following criteria will be applied by the Friends of Bedfordshire Youth Music:**

Full remission of fees will be granted to the third and subsequent child of any one family simultaneously attending a Music Centre.

If you wish to claim under this category please speak directly to the Head of the Music Centre.

**The Friends will consider support for the following:-**

- I. families on Job-Seekers Allowance
- II. families on Income Support
- III. those on Disabled Persons Tax Credit
- IV. families where both parents are retired
- V. single parent families on low income
- VI. those on Working Family Tax Credit
- VII. parents on Bedfordshire County Council Student Grant
- VIII. those receiving Housing Benefit

If you fall into any of these categories and wish to apply for assistance, please complete and return the attached form.

**Any additional 'sponsorship' for a Music Centre must also be declared. Remission will only be granted up to half of the full cost of the term, less sponsorship.**

**The decision of the Grants sub-committee will be final. Successful applications will receive reimbursement of the amount awarded.**

**FRIENDS OF BEDFORDSHIRE YOUTH MUSIC - MUSIC CENTRES**

**Application for Assistance with Music Centre Fees  
on the Grounds of Financial Hardship**

*To be completed by the Parent or Carer. A separate form must be submitted for each student.*

1. Name of Participant (Mr/Miss) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
3. Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Music Centre/Weekly group attended: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Do you receive any of the following**

- Job-seekers allowance? Yes/No
- Income Support? Yes/No
- Disabled Persons Tax Credit? Yes/No
- Working Family Tax Credit? Yes/No
- Housing benefit? Yes/No
- Bedfordshire County Council Student Grant? Yes/No
- Are you a single parent family on low income? Yes/No
- Are both parents retired? Yes/No

**7. Please give details of all children in the family starting with the participant (tick columns as applicable)**

Name	School/College attended	Receives Instrumental lessons at school	Belongs to a County Music group (state which)	Will be attending next course (yes/no)

7. Amount paid if termly: \_\_\_\_\_ £ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount paid if annual \_\_\_\_\_ £ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of support requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheque payable to \_\_\_\_\_

N.B. Please note that 50% of the cost is the maximum that the Friends of Bedfordshire Youth Music can support. Parents will therefore be responsible for paying the total cost to the centre at the start of term, a maximum of 50% of the cost will then be reimbursed directly to the parent from the Friends of Bedfordshire Youth Music.

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8. Have you applied for financial assistance from the Friends before? Yes/No
9. If the answer to question 9 is 'Yes'
- Have you applied for assistance with a Youth Music Activity? Yes/No
  - Have your financial circumstances changed? Yes/No
  - If 'Yes' please state details of change \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Have you received financial support for the Music Centre from any other source? Yes/No
- If 'Yes' please state source and amount \_\_\_\_\_

11. Any other comment you wish to make in support of your application

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I certify that the information detailed above is accurate to the best of my knowledge

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian

**THIS FORM TO BE RETURNED AT THE LATEST BY THE THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MUSIC CENTRE TERM, TOGETHER WITH PHOTOCOPIED EVIDENCE OF RECEIPT OF BENEFIT.**

**To be forwarded to:**

**F.B.Y.M.  
2 Thorpe Way  
Wootton  
Bedford  
MK43 9ES**

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**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Declined: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Support

	%	Amount
CC		
FBYM		

Date: \_\_\_\_\_