



Royal Conservatoire
of Scotland

Short Courses Bursary Criteria

Applicable to Agnes Allan Bursary and James McAvoy
Scholarship applicants only.

The purpose of the Agnes Allan Bursary and James McAvoy Scholarship is to provide financial support to Short Courses students through a fee reduction scheme. Short Courses include weekly classes, short study, audition/interview preparation, credit rated courses and summer schools.

There will be no money transferred to the student. The bursary amount awarded will be allocated to the student's Short Courses account providing a reduction in the amount payable over the term/academic year.

The amount awarded to each student will be based on:

- the information which is provided in the application form and relevant supporting evidence
- the need of the student, and what is deemed as fair and appropriate by the panel
- the total amount available to award from the bursary/scholarship.

The following bursary criteria is designed to help you determine the amount of financial support you could apply for to help you with your fees for Short Courses tuition. When you are applying please ensure you provide clear and factual information. The bursary panel will use this when they are allocating the bursary awards.

Students should state clearly what they wish to claim and give reasons in their application. The panel will assess the application only on the information provided in the form.

The maximum amount that can be awarded for a bursary is 100%. However it is likely that most awards will be less than this.

Some bursary applicants may be eligible to apply for RCS Transitions. This is a Fair Access Initiative funded by the Scottish Funding Council for Scottish domiciled students who meet specific criteria. You can find out more about Transitions here:

<https://portal.rcs.ac.uk/transitions/>

Your application will be considered using the Short Courses bursary criteria which consists of three elements as follows:

1. SIMD (Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation)
2. Household Income
3. Additional barrier criteria

1. SIMD status

Every postcode in Scotland has a **SIMD decile category** allocated to it. To check SIMD use 2020 postcode finder <https://www.gov.scot/publications/scottish-index-of-multiple-deprivation-2020v2-postcode-look-up/>

Please apply the following percentages to **SIMD1-6 decile category**. (Decile categories are from 1-10).

Percentages will be applied as follows	
SIMD1	30%
SIMD 2	25%
SIMD 3	20%
SIMD 4	15%
SIMD 5	10%
SIMD 6	5%

2. Household income

You will need to provide information about the level of household income/free school meals status at the point of application. You will be asked to provide evidence of income/ benefits if successful.

Percentages will be applied as follows		
Household Income	% Applied	Information to give to applicants
Under £20K per annum and/or in receipt of free school meals,	40%	Evidence of income/benefits must be provided.
Between £20K and £30K per annum	20%	Please provide any details of financial difficulty that you feel will help your application. Evidence of income/benefits must be provided
Over £30K per annum	10% (notional)	Please provide any details of financial difficulty that you feel will help your application. Awards to households with income over £30K, and with no further barrier criteria, are at the discretion of the bursary panel.

3. Additional barrier criteria (each worth 5-15%).

The maximum amount that can be applied for additional barriers is 45%. Additional barriers do not include SIMD status or household income. Please see page

Percentages will be applied as follows	Up to
Additional Travel and Accommodation costs	5-15%
Minority Ethnic Communities	10%
Care Experienced	10%
Carer	10%
Disabled Person	10%
Estranged from Family	10%
FE/HE Student	5%
Homeless	10%
Lone Parent	10%
Low Progression School	5%
Refugee or Asylum Seeker	20%
Member of the Travelling Community	10%
Veteran	10%

Further information for applicants and panel

Criteria	Description for Bursary Applications	Information for Bursary Panel	Award	
1	SIMD	We use the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation, related to your postcode, to determine how much money we can award you. Please provide us with your postcode.	Please use the SIMD decile category	Up to 30%
2	Care Experienced (applicable for students under the age of 25)	Students who are care experienced have had at least 3 months experience of being in care including residential care, foster care, and kinship care.		10%
3	Minority Ethnic Communities	Students come from a minority ethnic community.		10%
4	Carer	Students regularly help to look after a relative with a disability, illness, mental health condition, or drug or alcohol problem.		10%

5	Estranged from Family (applicable for students under the age of 25)	Estranged students are young people studying without the support and approval of a family network. Young people in this position often have no contact at all with their family and have removed themselves from a dysfunctional situation.	Key family members may include adoptive/foster parents. and advice should be taken to further clarify. Where someone is estranged from the family and are also in the care system, we will discuss further as bursary panel members.	10%
6	Disabled Person	Students declare themselves as having a physical or intellectual disability.	Please provide information about your disability.	10%
7	Child of a Disabled Person (applicable for students under the age of 25)	Student's parent/carer declares themselves as having a physical or intellectual disability.	Please provide information about the disability.	10%
8	Additional Travel and Accommodation costs	Students have additional travel and accommodation costs which they will incur whilst studying their chosen course.	5%- within 100 miles 10%- over 100 miles 15%- over 100 miles plus accommodation costs.	5-15%
9	Low Progression School (applicable for students under the age of 25)	Students attend or have attended a school which has a low progression rate to higher education. Applicants are asked to state the name of the school they last attended and the administrator can cross check this with the list of Low Progression rate schools.	The name of the school should be provided and checked	5%
10	Homeless	Student is currently homeless.	Definition of homelessness can be found here .	10%
11	Student is a refugee or asylum seeker	Student is a refugee or asylum seeker.		20%
12	Lone Parent	Student is a lone parent or the child of a lone parent.		10%
13	FE Student	Student is currently a student at college/ university.	Students will be asked to provide evidence of	5%

			what institution they attend.	
14	Member of the Travelling Community	Student is a member of the travelling community.		10%
15	Veteran	Student is a veteran, or the child of a veteran.	Evidence will be requested.	10%