



Junior Conservatoire DDPF Bursary/Scholarship Criteria

Applicable to Agnes Allan Bursary and James McAvoy scholarship applicants only

Royal Conservatoire
of Scotland

The purpose of these bursaries is to provide financial support to enable a student to attend the Junior Conservatoire of Dance, Drama, Production and Film weekly classes through a fee reduction scheme. There will be no money transferred to the student. The bursary/ scholarship amount awarded will be allocated to the student JC DDPF Paritor account providing a reduction in the amount payable over the financial term/ academic year.

The amount awarded to each student will be based on

- information they have supplied in the application form
- the need of the student and what is deemed as fair and appropriate by the panel
- the total amount available to award in bursaries

This bursary criteria is designed to help you determine the amount of financial support you could apply for to help you with your fees for Juniors Conservatoire DDPF 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 for 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/>

If we believe you are eligible to apply for Transitions, we will signpost you the Transitions team in the first instance. However as there are limited spaces available on the Transitions programme, we may still consider you for a bursary/ scholarship.

Your application will be considered using the JC DDPF bursary/ scholarship 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 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.
£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

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.

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%
COVID- 19 impact	10%

Additional Support

Where a student declares a need for additional support for learning or for English as an additional language, these will no longer be barriers. Instead, further information will be required on the contact form. Thereafter, where appropriate, a plan will be put in place in line with senior school processes to support the student if they are accepted to attend a course.

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	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 who are carers and regularly help to look after a relative with a disability, illness, mental health condition, or drug/ alcohol problem.		10%
5	Estranged from Family	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	10%

			the care system, we will discuss further as bursary panel members.	
6	Disabled Person	Students declare themselves as having a physical or intellectual disability.	Please let us know what your disability is, evidence may be required.	10%
7	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%
8	Low Progression School	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 which can be found in the bursary and scholarships folder	The name of the school must be provided and checked.	5%
9	Homeless	Student is currently homeless		10%
10	Student is a refugee or asylum seeker	Student is a refugee or asylum seeker		20%
11	Lone Parent	Student is a lone parent or the child of a lone parent		10%
12	FE Student	Student is currently a student at college/ university	Students will be asked to provide evidence of what institution they attend.	5%
13	Member of the Travelling Community	Student is a member of the travelling community		10%
14	Veteran	Student is the child of a veteran.	Evidence will be requested.	10%
15	Covid-19	Student/ student's family/ care givers have been impacted by Covid- 19. This could be through furlough scheme and reduced household income, redundancy, sickness, etc.	Evidence will be requested to support this claim.	10%

16	Household income/ Financial	Student faces financial barriers	Please use the matrix	Up to 45%
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