



FOSYM GOVERNANCE

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INTRODUCTION

Friends of Staffordshire's Young Musicians (FOSYM) is a charity whose purpose is the support of young musicians who live and study in Staffordshire. One of its functions is to raise funds to support a range of activities, including the provision of grants to individuals, groups, music centres and schools. It also makes awards to students to acknowledge their achievements in their musical education (see Appendix 1).

Grants are the subject of specific applications made directly to FOSYM or through Entrust Music Service Staffordshire, in respect of the Pupil Progress Scheme.

Awards are made on recommendations from music teachers Entrust Music Service Staffordshire staff including Music Centre Managers or as a result of young people taking part in competitions (see Appendix 1).

FOSYM wants to encourage young people who show an interest in music and where parents/carers financial circumstances may not fully support the costs of lessons. It will provide a contribution towards these costs. This scheme, known as the Pupil Progress Scheme, is operated through Entrust Music Service Staffordshire and the details are to be found in Appendix 2

Grants and awards are made to young people aged up to their 19th birthday who either live or are educated in the administrative county of Staffordshire. They are subject to the funds which are available to FOSYM at any given time.

FOSYM also plays a part in supporting musical events organised by the local Music Education Hub (The Music Partnership) and Staffordshire schools for Staffordshire's young people, including providing volunteers.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR GRANTS?

FOSYM accepts applications from:

- i) Those with parental responsibility for individual music pupils in Staffordshire
- ii) Staffordshire Music Teachers
- iii) Staffordshire schools (including private and independent) and Music Centre Managers, in respect of individuals and groups who live in the county or attend a Staffordshire school and are, engaged in the activities of The Music Partnership.

WHAT CAN BE APPLIED FOR?

The Charity's Trustees will consider applications for the following:

- i) Support for musical activities organised by The Music Partnership
- ii) Contribution towards the purchase of musical instruments
- iii) Contribution towards the cost of an auditions for music courses at university or conservatoire, (one audition per student only)
- iv) Contribution towards attendance at courses, workshops, concerts or other performances by eligible individuals or groups, including transport costs.
- iv) Contribution towards approved music tuition

FOSYM can provide funds, often in partnership with other charities, for musical projects based in schools and which meet its aims.

FOSYM can provide funds to Entrust Music Service Staffordshire Music Centres to support the Centres in music purchase, attendance at courses, workshops, and other such activities.

FOSYM will **NOT** support examination entry fees, lesson fees or activities which would normally be funded by school budgets.

During the Covid-19 pandemic (2020-2021) FOSYM can provide funds to support schools to maintain music education, subject to the case being made through Entrust Music Service Staffordshire.

HOW TO APPLY

There are three application forms to be used depending on the applicant. The forms together with explanatory notes are currently available for applicants from The Music Service Staffordshire, through the FOSYM website, fosym.org.uk. For information copies are attached as Appendix 3. The three forms are for:

- i. Individuals or groups within Staffordshire
- ii. Schools within Staffordshire for project activity (applications usually to be from Head Teachers or Heads of Music Departments)
- iii. Entrust Music Service Staffordshire Music Centre activities (applications to be from Music Centre Managers).

Please read the entire form and the notes carefully before signing and submitting the application. Failure to complete all sections and provide all the necessary information will delay the grant process. The Trustees reserve the right to seek additional information from applicants or their representatives should the need arise.

Every application for an individual must be supported by a person of parental responsibility and an appropriate referee – for example, a Music Teacher or Head Teacher.

The completed application must be submitted directly to FOSYM by email to musicservice@entrust-music.co.uk (FAO FOSYM Trustees).

Only applications made on the relevant application form will be considered.

Applications will be acknowledged.

Please note that the Trustees normally meet quarterly to consider applications, but any urgent requests may be considered exceptionally, depending on their merits.

Decisions on applications for grants up to the sum of £250.00 can be made by the Awards Group, provided that the criteria set out below are met. If an application for a grant is over that amount or the Awards Group are not in agreement, the decision will be made by the full Board of Trustees.

CRITERIA FOR MAKING A GRANT

All applications will be considered on their merits, but the **following** will be taken into account by the Trustees;

- The application must meet the Charity's aims in that it will widen access to musical education and /or encourage excellence in music education and personal or group achievement.
- It demonstrates value-for-money.
- It shows evidence of partnership in funding – i.e., that a family, school, other charity or commercial partner is also contributing.
- It is for an activity or musical experience which could not happen without FOSYM's direct support.
- It may be innovative in extending music education.

The amount of the Grant is at the discretion of the Trustees and funding from other sources will be taken into account when considering an application. (As an indication, most previous grants have been for less than £500.00).

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- The grant is non-transferable.
- Any costs incurred before the approval of the grant will not be accepted.
- The grant is made on the basis that the project/activity is able to proceed within one year of the awarding of the grant.
- If it is established that the project/activity will cost less than the grant awarded, the grantee will be required to refund the difference to FOSYM.
- The grant is made on the basis that the grantee agrees to acknowledge the support of FOSYM by:
 - i. using the FOSYM logo when producing any form of public material, including press releases, programmes, leaflets, posters and signs
 - ii. Displaying the FOSYM logo prominently on the home page of any project or school website if available

We will supply you with a certificate to display that acknowledges FOSYM's contribution. Specific guidance and templates for the logo are available from musicservice@entrust-music.co.uk

- No part of the grant shall be used for the publication or promotion of any material which in whole or in part appears to be designed to affect public support for any political party or group or for the promotion of illegal activity or any activity which may damage the reputation of FOSYM or its partners in music education.

- The grantee shall report by letter or email to FOSYM on the expenditure of the grant and, if practicable, shall include in the letter appropriate comments on the success (or otherwise) of the project and the benefits derived from it. This will be reported to FOSYM Members at the Charity's Annual General Meeting.
- With regard to the Pupil Progress Scheme, selected anonymised comments from feedback reports will be reported to FOSYM Members at the AGM.
- After the expenditure of the grant, FOSYM will request such information as it considers necessary to prove that the grant has been properly spent. This information may for example include copies of newspaper articles, photographs, receipts and inspection of any equipment purchased.
- The grantee shall keep all receipts and documentation relating to the project for at least 6 years after the receipt of the grant and will permit authorised representatives of FOSYM to inspect these.

BUDGET

The following Awards are funded from a budget agreed annually by FOSYM's Trustees:

- FOSYM Trustees Awards
- Lavey Fund Awards,
- Murfin Percussion Awards
- Pupil Progress.
- Audition Grants are also made from a budget agreed annually.

All other successful grant applications from individuals, schools and music centres are funded from unallocated funds.

(Note: historically, a nominal sum is allocated annually for the following music centres Stafford, Tamworth and Lichfield/Rugeley.) Consequently, payment of grants is subject to the availability of funds.

APPENDIX 1

The Awards are:

- Lavey Awards – an annual award for pupils who have achieved Grade 8 and above in music examinations. Evidence of this is submitted by music teachers by July each year. (The Lavey Awards are provided through the generosity of the Bebbington family)
- FOSYM Trustees' Awards -an annual award for pupils of Entrust Music Service Staffordshire Music Centres who are considered to have 'gone that extra mile' beyond membership of the Centre for example in supporting others or taking on additional responsibilities. Nominations for these Awards are made by Entrust Music Service Staffordshire Music Centre Managers by July each year.

Both the Lavey and FOSYM Trustees Awards are presented to recipients at an annual Awards Evening held in September.

- Young Musician of the Year (Instrumentalists and Singers) is an annual open competition for pupils, aged 6 to 18, of all musical abilities and genres with a first round and a Grand Final for both junior and senior competitors. The winners receive a trophy and the finalists a financial award.

Both Awards and Grants to percussionists are made from the Murfin Fund, a sum of money held by FOSYM, donated in commemoration of Paul Murfin.

Young Singer Awards are supported by funds in commemoration of the work of John W.R. Taylor.

APPENDIX 2 Pupil Progress Scheme

The purpose of awards through the Pupil Progress Scheme is to encourage young people who show an interest or talent in music, where parents / carers' financial circumstances may not be able to support fully the cost of lessons or related costs.

FOSYM can contribute towards the costs of shared or individual lessons or participation in ensembles. Applicants are required to identify what funding from parents, the school or other funders will contribute to the full cost of lessons.

Support may also be considered for related costs of music exams, or purchase of music,

- **Applying for a Pupil Progress Award**

This scheme applies to applications for support toward lessons costs, for pupils of any age, attending a Staffordshire School or 6th Form College which delivers lessons through Entrust Music Service Staffordshire.

The application must be supported by the school and the applicant must give details of their financial situation:

Lessons are agreed for a set period and there is no guarantee of continuation, as this is dependent on progress and funding allocated by FOSYM:

Reporting Process- Pupil Progress Awards

Progress reports are supplied by the teacher twice a year, together with a recommendation if lessons should continue or cease:

Pupils are given the opportunity to add their own thoughts and comments about their lessons and the difference they have made to them:

The twice - yearly Pupil Progress reports are scrutinised by FOSYM Trustees for the impact of the provision and to enable an annual budget to be set.

Selected anonymised comments from Pupil Progress feedback reports will be reported to FOSYM Members at the AGM.

APPENDIX 3 Application Forms



FOSYM Awards -
EMSS pupils Informa

Entrust Music Service Staffordshire
Pupil Progress Awards



FOSYM Form for
Grant Funding Feb

Unallocated Funds



FOSYM Grant
Application Form v2

Schools



FOSYM Grant
Application Form v2

Music Centres