

Bursary Policy

Financial Hardship Bursaries

It is Chiltern Music Academy's (CMA's) intention that no child should be unable to participate in regular termly activities as a result of financial hardship. If new or existing members cannot afford the membership fee then they should approach the Principal or Business Director, in confidence, to request financial assistance.

A copy of any supporting paperwork, such as certificate of eligibility for pupil premium, should be supplied with the application form.

Financial assistance may deliver a significant reduction in the membership fee and instrument hire where appropriate, at the discretion of the Principal or Business Director.

Where instrumental learning is significantly disrupted due to hardship, further support for music education at CMA may be possible at the discretion of the Principal or Business Director.

Those in receipt of financial assistance are expected to:

- Attend regularly
- Represent CMA in a good manner

Discretionary Bursaries

CMA may offer bursaries to support members in their musical education. These bursaries will be allocated at the discretion of the Principal or Business Director against criteria including:

- The demonstration of exceptional musical potential
- The playing of a shortage instrument
- The development of a new ensemble or the support of an existing ensemble

Discretionary bursary awards may be subject to an audition procedure.

Those in receipt of a discretionary bursary will be expected to:

- Attend regularly
- Represent CMA in a good manner
- Support other CMA activities so that the wider membership benefits from their talent/time

Discretionary bursaries will usually deliver a reduction in membership fees and instrument hire where appropriate.

Review

All bursaries are reviewed at least annually. In the case of financial hardship bursaries, members' families are asked to confirm that their financial situation has not changed significantly and, providing that the member continue to demonstrate the required commitment and bursary funds permit, the bursary could be extended.

Review date April 2026

Bursary Application Form

Child's Name	
Date of Birth	

First Instrument	
Last exam/ date taken and standard playing at	
Teacher's Name	

Second Instrument	
Last exam/ date taken and standard playing at	
Teacher's Name	

Groups Attended	
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Please give reasons to support your application for financial assistance	
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I confirm that the details are true and accurate and have attached relevant supporting paperwork (such as a certificate of eligibility for pupil premium.)

Signature		Date	
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