

Bursary Notes 2017-2018

NYSO has **limited funding** for bursaries, but if you need help with paying your fees for 2018 please do apply. NYSO will do its best to help in cases of need.

Bursaries will be allocated early in the year and no further funding will be available for bursaries after the allocation is made before the Easter courses (except at the discretion of the Trustees). Completed bursary forms must be submitted by 12th January 2018 and will be considered at the first NYSO Trustees' meeting of 2018. Bursary awards will then be notified in writing/email. Where bursary help is awarded through NYSO, the student will be expected to write a thank-you letter to the benefactor. NYSO will report that the student has attended the course(s) successfully.

N.B. **The payment of the deposit on acceptance of a place in the Senior or Intermediate Orchestra's is compulsory and will not be returned** in the event that the place is not taken up. (You may like to research insurance cover for monies paid)

Local Trusts and benefactors

As far as possible, parents are urged to seek sponsorship for their own children and the following notes may be of some assistance:

In many parts of the country there are small local Trusts or legacies which are specifically for the benefit of local gifted children or children in need. Usually these funds are registered in the local library or with Law firms. It is worth approaching these with polite determination for your child's benefit. Remember, if the funds are not asked for they may well rest untouched for many years as they cannot be given without fulfilling the wishes of the benefactors who set them up.

Many local firms or businesses have funds specified for charitable use. It is worth approaching them personally, especially if you know the Manager or Director or owner, and offering to visit to talk about your child who may be asked to play his/her instrument to the Managing Director.

If you have any links with Rotary, Round Table or a Local Lodge, the organisation might assist children if they are told about the special reasons.

Most people who apply for places at NYSO are well able to give a small local concert for invited friends and family and/or possible sponsors, who could be very willing to pay a ticket price or give a donation to assist with fees.

Awards for Young Musicians: www.a-y-m.org.uk give awards for individuals to attend music courses and have supported NYSO students in past and recent years. You need to be between 5 and 17 to be eligible. Applications can be made online from autumn 2017; Contact: Hannah Turner 0300 302 0023 or email Hannah.Turner@a-y-m.org.uk should you have any queries about the application process. Please state that you are applying for help with NYSO courses.

For those outside this age-group, 'Links and Resources' from the AYM web-site will take you to pages where other funding possibilities can be researched and accessed.

PLEASE DO NOT APPLY FOR NATIONAL CHARITABLE TRUST FUNDS WITHOUT FIRST CHECKING WITH NYSO

The NYSO Trustees apply to many National Charities for bursary funding every year and you may well prejudice the outcome of our annual appeal if you make individual applications to the same **National** Charities.

Other Options

STO Payments

In consultation with, Anne-Marie Norman, anne-marie.norman@nyso.uk payment of some or all of the fees can be made by Bankers Order to spread the load over the period of the courses to be attended. It is important to complete such undertakings before the end of NYSO's financial year, which is August 31st.