



## **SMART Music Scholarships 2023/24**

Suffolk County Music Service works in partnership with Suffolk Music and Arts Alumni Trust (SMART) to provide scholarships for **talented and committed** young people in **challenging circumstances and/or in need of financial support**.

The scholarships initially provide up to 1 year's funding for children and young people to continue their musical learning through Suffolk County Music Service tuition **and** attend a Suffolk County Music Service area ensemble.

These scholarships are available to young people from school years 7 to 13 (from approximately Grade 3 upwards) who demonstrate a great deal of commitment, enjoyment and potential in their music making, but for whom the financial cost of ongoing music tuition is a barrier to their continuation. The scholarships help to enable young people to progress on their chosen instrument. They can be worth up to the value of 50% of the combined costs of tuition and ensemble membership for the academic year for which the scholarship is awarded.

### **The scholarships may provide funding to help towards the cost of:**

- Weekly instrumental tuition (10 x 30 min lessons per term)
- Area/County Ensemble Membership (rehearsals and performances)
- Instrument Hire (where applicable)
- A scholarship Music Mentor

### **Eligibility Criteria**

Successful applicants must:

- Demonstrate significant musical aptitude on an instrument that can be learned to a high level and played in a [Suffolk County Music Service ensemble](#);
- Have demonstrated a commitment and an eagerness to continue regular practice and attend lessons, ensemble rehearsals, workshops and performances;
- Have the potential to make substantial progress in music and benefit from all the activities the Scholarship contributes towards;
- Be in challenging circumstances and/or in need of financial support (evidence may be required);
- Must be living in Suffolk or attending a school in Suffolk;
- Have received ideally at least one year's tuition or equivalent on their nominated instrument;
- Be able to attend an appropriate Suffolk County Music Service ensemble;
- Have the full support of a parent / carer in all aspects of the Scholarship programme. This includes ensuring regular practice, full attendance at lessons and Suffolk County Music

Service activities, and contributing at least 50% of the combined costs of tuition and ensemble membership for the academic year for which the scholarship is awarded; and

- Must have a referee from a Suffolk school, the Suffolk County Music Service or a professional music teacher.

New scholarships are offered yearly and are subject to regular reviews through reports and performances to ensure all criteria are being met.

### **To Apply**

If you would like to apply, please complete the [application form](#). Applications can be completed at any time throughout the year and will be held until the next round of scholarships is open.

We will be in touch if your application is shortlisted and you may be invited to submit an audition video of you playing and answering a couple of questions. The invitation will provide further information about what you need to provide with adequate time to prepare.

Applications will be anonymised before being considered by the Trustees.

### **Deadlines**

Deadline for applying for 2023/24 Academic Year scholarship: **28 June 2023**

If you have any questions or require any help with completing the form, please email [admin@suffolksmart.org](mailto:admin@suffolksmart.org)

If you are unsuccessful, would like to apply for additional funding, or funding for other musical or arts activities, please see the SMART Grants Making Policy and application form: [www.suffolksmart.org/apply-for-funding](http://www.suffolksmart.org/apply-for-funding).