



Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust

Gordon Robinson Memorial Trust Bursary guidelines 2025-26

The Gordon Robinson Memorial Trust holds money to support the education of some of the most talented, committed, and promising young musicians in the county. Bursaries are awarded to cover some of the costs of specialist tuition outside school hours for those who are in financial need. These are awarded under the following conditions:

- Applicants must attend an NMPAT County Ensemble or Saturday Centre, and normally be at least 11 years old at the time of their application
- Applications are welcomed from candidates living outside the county, but in the event of an excess of demand, priority will be given to Northamptonshire residents
- The bursary will provide students with a grant in the region of £500 towards tuition in their first study instrument (or voice) each year
- The award is for one year but can be extended by two further years to a maximum of three on receipt of proof of continued satisfactory performance
- Bursaries can only be used towards the cost of individual lessons provided by NMPAT (not applicable to school lessons)
- Bursary holders will be expected to retain membership of at least one County Ensemble or Saturday Centre, playing the instrument (or voice) on which they audition, and pay any necessary fees
- Other than in extenuating circumstances, only one bursary will be made available to a family at any one time
- Bursaries are to a maximum of three years and out of fairness to other candidates, applications beyond this period cannot normally be accepted

Application and selection process:

- Every candidate for a bursary should submit an online application form via this link:
<https://forms.office.com/e/2KhFqfamL4>
 - This includes nominating two people who can offer musical references on the candidate's work and standard
- Candidates must have been studying for a minimum of two years and normally be at least grade 4-5 standard, but more importantly should show potential to continue to develop
- It is recognised that some candidates may not have taken examinations
 - This should not preclude them from applying, but they will be required to present work of a suitable standard
- Candidates are expected to perform two short contrasting pieces of their own choice in their first study instrument or voice
- Face to face auditions will take place on Friday 11th July

Applications for this round of bursaries should be received no later than Friday 13th June 2025; however, if circumstances change mid-year, consideration may be given to applications received at other times in the academic year. Please contact the NMPAT Office for further information: office@nmpat.co.uk The decision of the interviewing panel shall be final in all instances.