

## Exceptional Music Student Bursary Scheme 2015

**Music Generation Mayo** is a music education service for children and young people (0-18) in Co. Mayo. It is part of Music Generation – Ireland’s National Music Education Programme, initiated by Music Network, co-funded by U2, The Ireland Funds, the Department of Education and Skills and Co. Mayo Music Education Partnership.

**In 2015 MUSIC GENERATION MAYO is offering an opportunity for young music students resident in County Mayo, who can demonstrate exceptional musical ability in any genre of instrumental or vocal music to apply for a bursary.**

### ***Who can apply?***

Students with exceptional ability within the age range 10-18 years inclusive may apply. (*Note: you must be no more than 18 years of age and no less than 10 years of age on 30/06/2015*). Applicants must be resident in Co. Mayo on a permanent basis.

These bursaries will be awarded on a competition basis, to students who have already acquired an excellent standard in instrumental/vocal music performance in any genre, which you must demonstrate in your online application, supporting material and during an audition with an Independent Assessment Panel.

### ***What can you apply for?***

Music Generation Mayo is offering bursaries for:

- A.** Defraying the cost of recognised expert tuition for exceptional students. This may include attendance at on-going tuition programmes, private music providers, summer schools, masterclasses, training workshops, etc. Tuition bursaries are valid for the 2016 calendar year and may include a mixture/combination of opportunities. Travel costs will be considered at a maximum of 20% of bursary sought.
  
- B.** Defraying the cost of purchasing a high quality musical instrument. Each applicant may apply for one instrument only and up-to-date competitive quotes from instrument suppliers must accompany your application.

***Please note individuals may only apply for option A or B above and not both.***

In addition to music instruments, the following components are eligible as expenditure as part of Bursary B:

- Bows
- Mouthpieces
- Reeds
- Instrument cases

### **What is it worth?**

The value of the bursary awarded may vary but the maximum amount that any successful applicant will receive is 50% of the total cost of a tuition opportunity or 50% of the total purchase price of an instrument, to a limit of €2,500.

Bursaries remain valid for 12 months however they must be drawn down before 20-12-2016.

### **Who will decide?**

An Independent Panel, with the appropriate expertise, is in place. The Panel's function is to oversee the process and assess the qualifying applicants. Their decision will be final.

### **Awarding Ceremony**

Successful applicants will attend a ceremony at which they will be awarded their bursary status. Successful applicants will be required to perform at this ceremony and be present for a photo call. The awards ceremony will take place late Nov/Early Dec 2015 date, venue and time to be confirmed.

### **Time Schedule**

- Closing date for completed online applications is **12.00pm on Tuesday Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 2015.**
- Auditions for short-listed applicants will be held on a Saturday, in November 2015 – if short-listed for an audition you be contacted in advance with a date and time-slot.
- Final decisions of the Independent Bursary Board will be announced at the end of November 2015.
- Awarding Ceremony to take place end Nov/early Dec 2015.

### **How can I apply?**

To apply you must complete an online application process at **www.musicgenerationmayo.ie** before 12.00pm on **Tuesday Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 2015.** *Please note: Incomplete applications cannot be considered.*

*Application process includes:*

1. A fully completed online **Application Form** – links to this form and to supporting material can accessed on our website at [www.musicgenerationmayo.ie](http://www.musicgenerationmayo.ie).
2. **A Personal Essay** (*approx.1,000 words in type*)– in this essay you should give details of:
  - a. how you became interested in music
  - b. your achievements in music to date
  - c. your ambitions for your future musical development
  - d. how being the beneficiary of a bursary would help you in achieving your musical goals
  - e. why you believe you should be considered for this bursary
3. **If applying for Bursary A**, a quotation from music provider(s) for the cost of tuition fees (*Please scan and upload original copies*).
4. **If applying for Bursary A**, the CV of the tutor(s) from whom you will be receiving tuition. Note: applicants will be required to demonstrate that they have identified recognised expert tuition. Selected tutors must have a proven track record in the provision of expert music tuition.
5. **If applying for Bursary B**, a quotation for the cost of an instrument from at least two individual instrument dealers. In the case of rare or specialist instruments where it may not be possible to source from more than

one supplier, one quotation will be accepted. Please note however that as bursaries are only valid for a 12 month period it is not advisable to obtain quotes from bespoke instrument makers that have excessive waiting times for instruments.

6. A **recording** of one solo piece of music played or sung by the applicant with minimal or no accompaniment. Please note this does not have to be a professional recording, a home recording will suffice. Please upload the recording (.mp3 format). Video files or links to clips will not be accepted.
7. A scanned copy of the applicant's **Birth Certificate**. Note: applicants must be no more than 18 years of age and no less than 10 years of age on 30/06/2015.

### **Terms and Conditions**

If awarded a bursary, successful candidates will be obliged to provide the following documentation upon which the bursary amount awarded will be paid:

- Receipt(s) for expert tuition attended or instrument purchased.
  - Relevant travel receipts – this must not total more than 20% of the total bursary award,
  - Photographic documentation (*1-2 images*) of attendance at tuition opportunity or instrument purchased.
  - Bank Account details for electronic funds transfer (*details will be destroyed once the bursary payment has been completed*).
  - A letter requesting the drawdown of the bursary.
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- Students will be awarded bursaries in one category only, A or B and successful candidates will only receive an award for the category in which they applied.
  - Bursaries will not be awarded for tuition that has already taken place or instruments already purchased.
  - Students in receipt of a previous bursary award from Music Generation Mayo are not eligible to apply in subsequent years. Students who applied previously but were not awarded are eligible to apply again.
  - The Bursary Board will select the successful candidates. Their decision will be final.
  - Bursaries will not be awarded towards third level academic costs.
  - Purchase of instrument and drawdown of funding must take place within 12 months of award being granted. Financial transactions relating to the Bursary must be completed by 20/12/2016.
  - The names of the bursary winners will be made public once the final selections have been made.
  - Individuals must acknowledge the support of Music Generation Mayo in biographical and publicity material for at least two years. Logos will be provided where required.
  - Those in receipt of an instrument bursary will not sell or otherwise dispose of instruments funded under this scheme. If instruments are no longer needed, in negotiation with Music Generation Mayo, the individual will transfer the instrument to another authorised body or sell the instrument and refund Music Generation Mayo with the relevant proportion of the bursary granted.
  - Those awarded an instrument bursary must make adequate provision for housing, insurance, care, maintenance and repair of instrument.

- Only online applications will be accepted. Late applications will not be considered. Shortlisting may occur. Canvassing will disqualify.
- All applicants will be notified of their success or otherwise by post.
- Applicants must be no more than 18 years of age and no less than 10 years of age on 30/06/2015.
- Applicants should note that funding is limited and that this is a competitive process. Meeting the guidelines for this award does not guarantee an award.
- The continuation of this bursary scheme on an annual basis is funding dependent.

Visit our website: [www.musicgenerationmayo.ie](http://www.musicgenerationmayo.ie) to apply. Please keep a copy of your submission documents for your own records.

### Online Application Checklist:

Completed Application Form

Personal Essay, in typed format

Recording of a Solo Piece (mp3 format)

A quotation (s) for the cost of tuition (*Option A*)  or a quotation(s) for the cost of a new instrument (*Option B*)

CV of person(s) identified to provide expert music tuition (Bursary A)

Scanned Original Birth Certificate

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