Music Scholarship Guidance Notes 2019/20

1. Am I eligible?
In order to apply for a Music Scholarship, you must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- You must be classed as a “home” student (i.e. been normally resident in the UK for three years prior to the start of your course);
- You must have selected Birmingham as your “firm” choice following an offer of a place on a full-time undergraduate programme (other than a programme offered by the Department of Music) commencing next September;
- You must be performing at a Grade 8 standard in instrumental or vocal studies and supply evidence of your performance standard (see section 4).

2. What is the scholarship worth?
Each scholarship will offer approximately 17 hours of musical tuition per year for three years and will be administered by the UoB Department of Music; tuition may be delivered either by tutors employed by the UoB Department of Music, or at Birmingham Conservatoire. This musical tuition will have a cash value of £1,000 per year, or £3,000 over the lifetime of the award.

In order to continue receiving the Music Scholarship in subsequent years, each Music Scholar must make academic progression at a 2:1 standard in their studies and commit to playing in at least one ensemble organised by the Department of Music or the University Music Society. If you do not meet the academic standard and musical obligations upon moving into your second year, your award will be suspended. You will, however, have the opportunity to reclaim the award in subsequent years if your academic progress improves and you reach a 2:1 standard.

3. How many scholarships are available?
15 new Music Scholarships will be available for the next academic year.

4. How do I apply?
The Music Scholarship application form is available online at www.formstack.com/forms/1647659-ntCCzchAEN. This form will need to be completed and submitted with all necessary supporting evidence in order to be considered by the selection panel. You will have the opportunity to save your progress on the online form and return to it later if necessary. In addition to submitting your application, you will be expected to include:

- A copy of your grade 8 or diploma certificate and mark sheet (if you have not passed a grade 8 examination, we can accept a letter from your instrumental/vocal teacher or tutor attesting that you are performing at a grade 8 standard or above).

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1 Any music scholar undertaking a 5 year medical/dental degree will have the option to apportion their tuition over 5 years rather than 3, meaning you will receive approximately 10 hours of musical tuition each year.
• Video evidence of your performing standard. This should take the form of two contrasting works taken from a recognised examination syllabus at either grade 8 or diploma level. Please note that studies are not accepted. We request videos are uploaded and submitted via YouTube however a compatible DVD is accepted.

• A copy of the sheet music from pieces that you have chosen to perform for your application.

Submitting your documentary evidence:
The online form will enable you to upload and attach your supporting documentation (grade 8 mark sheet or letter, sheet music etc.) and submit it along with your application. All attachments must not total more than 20MB in size. We would recommend that you submit these documents via the online form if possible, however if you are unable to do this you may submit the evidence by logging an online enquiry to the Funding, Graduation & Awards Office at www.studenthelp.bham.ac.uk and attaching your supporting documents to that submission.

Submitting your video evidence:
If you choose to submit your recorded performance via YouTube, you can include a link to the video on the form. If you wish to supply a DVD as evidence of your performance, you can post it to the following address:

FAO: Andrew Perry
Funding, Graduation & Awards
Aston Webb Student Hub
University of Birmingham
Edgbaston, Birmingham
B15 2TT

Please remember that this must be a solo performance (i.e. you performing on your own or with piano accompaniment)

5. When is the deadline?
Completed applications together with supporting evidence must be submitted by 11:59pm on the first Friday in May.

6. How will the scholarship be selected?
Following the deadline, all completed applications will be collated with documentary and video evidence and forwarded to a selection panel composed of various members of academic staff from the Department of Music. Selection of successful candidates will be based on academic standard (e.g. your A Level results), your musical performing standard and experience as evidenced by your video, documentary evidence and personal statement.

7. When will I be notified of the outcome?
Applicants will be informed of the outcome following the release of A Level qualifications in August.

If you have any queries about the application form please log an enquiry at www.studenthelp.bham.ac.uk or telephone 0121 414 7931.