

# Undergraduate study

# Funding advice



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## Introduction

The Musicians Benevolent Fund administers various awards for young musicians but these are, in the main, for postgraduate students only. Unfortunately we do not have the funds to support the very large number of undergraduate and diploma students that need financial assistance.

There are, however, several other charitable organisations which can assist musicians seeking funding at undergraduate level and details of these can be found on our Funding Wizard ([helpmusicians.org.uk/fundingwizard](http://helpmusicians.org.uk/fundingwizard)).

We are providing the information below to help current and prospective undergraduates identify sources of funding towards their education.

Students planning to undertake undergraduate study should visit the **DirectGov** website for information on student finance at [direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/UniversityAndHigherEducation/StudentFinance/](http://direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/UniversityAndHigherEducation/StudentFinance/)

## Awards and Scholarships

In the first instance we would advise you to contact your chosen place of study about the funding that they can offer to students. Many colleges and conservatoires have a variety of bursaries and scholarships on offer and they may also be able to advise you how to access external funding.

The **British Music Education Yearbook** published by Rhinegold is a very useful source of funding information and is available in many public libraries or for purchase at [rhinegold.co.uk](http://rhinegold.co.uk)

The **EMI Music Sound Foundation** offer bursaries assisting with fees or living expenses for students at eligible colleges and conservatoires. Bursaries are distributed at each college's discretion based on criteria provided by the Foundation. For further information you should contact your college directly or visit the Foundation's website [emimusicfoundation.com/index.php/site/awards/](http://emimusicfoundation.com/index.php/site/awards/).

The Philharmonia Orchestra offer awards under several categories through the **Martin Music Scholarship Fund**. The MMSF assists talented musicians between study and full time professional status. Awards are also given for assistance with tuition and maintenance while studying. For more information please visit their website [philharmonia.co.uk/about/mmsf/application](http://philharmonia.co.uk/about/mmsf/application).

The **Yamaha Music Foundation of Europe** also offers financial support to music students across Europe. It awards three scholarships of £200 annually to UK and international student performers on full time courses at conservatoires. Music disciplines rotate annually and the discipline for 2011/12 is Brass and Woodwind. For more information please visit their website [uk.yamaha.com/en/music\\_education/](http://uk.yamaha.com/en/music_education/).

## Singers

The Mario Lanza Educational Foundation offers financial awards and scholarships for singers. The foundation holds an annual competition in conjunction with the Birmingham Conservatoire, where both the winner and the runner up are presented with monetary awards. The foundation also offers monetary awards to deserving candidates during the year who live in the UK and are studying singing full time at a college or conservatoire. For more information please visit their website [bmls.co.uk/mlf.htm](http://bmls.co.uk/mlf.htm).

## Funding tools and other useful links

### Funding directories

**Turn2Us** – funding directory [turn2us.org.uk](http://turn2us.org.uk)

**Funding Central** – funding directory [fundingcentral.org.uk](http://fundingcentral.org.uk)

**Musicians Benevolent Fund funding wizard** [helpmusicians.org.uk/fundingwizard](http://helpmusicians.org.uk/fundingwizard)

**The Countess of Munster Musical Trust** [munstertrust.org.uk/Funding\\_Guide/fghp.htm](http://munstertrust.org.uk/Funding_Guide/fghp.htm)

**Association of Charitable Foundations** – advice on applying to a charitable [trust.acf.org.uk](http://trust.acf.org.uk)

### Advice for creative careers

**Creative Choices** – advice on creative careers [creative-choices.co.uk](http://creative-choices.co.uk)

**Music Education UK** – music education magazine [musiceducationuk.com](http://musiceducationuk.com)

The **British Music Education Yearbook** (published annually) is a useful source of information, including listings of funding bodies, and can be found in libraries or purchased from the [Rhinegold website](http://Rhinegold website)

The **Directory of Grant Making Trusts** is published annually by the [Directory of Social Change](http://Directory of Social Change) and should be available in your local library.

**Muso Magazine** – bi-monthly magazine for music students and young professionals [musolife.com](http://musolife.com)

**Access to Music** – popular music courses and apprenticeships [accesstomusic.co.uk](http://accesstomusic.co.uk)

### General Higher Education funding advice

**The Times Higher Education** [timeshighereducation.co.uk](http://timeshighereducation.co.uk)

**The Guardian advice for students** [guardian.co.uk/education/advice-for-students](http://guardian.co.uk/education/advice-for-students)

**Student Cash Point** [studentcashpoint.co.uk](http://studentcashpoint.co.uk)

**Hotcourses scholarship course** [scholarship-search.org.uk](http://scholarship-search.org.uk)

**UK Council for international students** [ukcisa.org.uk/student/source\\_funding.php](http://ukcisa.org.uk/student/source_funding.php)

**British Council scholarships** [britishcouncil.org/learning-funding-your-studies.htm](http://britishcouncil.org/learning-funding-your-studies.htm)