

Access Funding: Terms & Conditions

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SOUNDSTORM
MUSIC EDUCATION AGENCY

Criteria and support to complete your application

Financial assistance is available to students from families who meet and can **evidence** the following criteria. You must complete each section in full; applications with a lack of detail or evidence will in likelihood be rejected. **Please read the notes below which will help you determine your eligibility.** The student must be resident within BCP Council.

Benefit entitlements

You are required to submit a scanned document or photocopy to support your application. Failure to do this will mean your application is refused. **This must be dated within the last 3 months.**

Eligible Benefits

A. Universal Credit (this replaces previous benefits including Income support, Jobseeker's Allowance, Working Tax Credits amongst others)

B. Incapacity Benefit – this has been replaced by Employment & Support Allowance (ESA)

C. If you are in receipt of benefits because you are responsible for a 'Looked After Child' this qualifies OR are receiving Carers allowance for a member of your family.

D. Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

Section C: Personal Circumstances

C: Does the family regularly pay towards activities?

This can refer to costs such as tuition, attending SoundStorm workshops, instrument hire costs, exam entry fees, membership of ensembles, contribution towards school trips that are coordinated by the Music department

E: Are there any other factors...?

This section is provided for you to explain what challenges you may be facing or your son/daughter may be experiencing – these can be financial, personal or circumstantial. The Access Fund has been increased this year in response to the pandemic.

What will SoundStorm not fund?

Applicants who have received funding during the previous academic year i.e. if you received funding in 2022/23, you will not be eligible to receive funding in the 2023/24 academic year.

Applications from more than 3 members of the same household

Payments

Awards will be paid to either the school or the practitioner directly. BCP Council may require the practitioner to register for payment on Oracle Fusion, the procurement and payment system. Payments will never be made directly to the applicant.

Your application and all supporting material is confidential – all documentation provided is stored on an encrypted server and complies with the BCP Privacy Policy, GDPR and data protection policies

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