

Guidance notes

Applications to the Westdene Fund

The Westdene Fund at Sussex Community Foundation has been established to provide one-off financial support to students in need displaying outstanding musical talent. Please read the guidance notes carefully to ensure you are eligible to apply for funding.

If you have any queries please contact us on 01273 409 440.

Who can apply?

Applications are invited from individual young people who:

- Are 16+ years old and attend a school or college in Sussex (East & West, or Brighton and Hove)
- Have secured, or already taken up, a place at a recognised centre of excellence for musical education, or passed Grade 7 in their chosen instrument
- Are able to demonstrate a wide and continuing interest in music
- Intend to pursue a musical career
- Can demonstrate financial need

What you can apply for

Awards will be made to support a specific activity or object eg: consultation lessons, a masterclass, participation in a National Youth Orchestra, or a contribution to the cost of a better grade instrument.

Grant size

Grants will normally be between £500 and £800.

Frequency of grants, closing dates

Grants will be made 4 times a year.

Process

After the deadline, the Foundation will ask those applicants it wishes to consider further to attend an interview. These will be held approximately one month after the deadline date and be at our offices in Lewes. They will be approximately 20 minutes long. Applicants will be informed of the result as soon as possible after the interviews.

How to apply

You can apply for a grant by completing the Westdene application form. This is in 2 parts – Part 1 for the applicant to complete and Part 2 for your instrumental teacher and the Head of Music or Director of Studies at College to complete. Please send a hard copy of both parts of the signed form by the deadline date in order for it to be considered for that round of awards. Completed forms should be returned to: **Sussex Community Foundation, 15 Western Road, Lewes BN7 1RL.**