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"...letting our children play..."

Patron: Donald Maxwell

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Firstly, the Trustees hope you and your family have been managing and are safe and well during this very unusual and challenging time. The ongoing COVID19 pandemic has impacted all of our lives, sometimes in ways that we would not have previously thought possible.

The Perth and Kinross Music Foundation is a registered charity and aims to financially support young musicians who attend school within Perth and Kinross. To qualify for application, the young musician must either be enrolled in a state school and receive music tuition and/or attend Central Groups or be enrolled in any school within Perth and Kinross and attend Central Groups.

This year (Session 20/21) - if you are on low income and in receipt of Working Tax Credits, Child Tax Credits OR Universal Tax Credits (UTC) relating to these, or have very exceptional financial circumstances we may be able to provide some financial assistance to you. Evidence of any benefits is required – letters or screen shots which state name, year and benefit being paid to you are also acceptable. The most relevant benefits are working credits and child benefit.

You may not have any of the paperwork mentioned above but may have been financially impacted by furlough or some other COVID19 related restriction. The Trustees do understand and will treat each application individually and kindly. Please apply and with your application advise what has happened and supply as much evidence as possible – a letter stating the terms of your furlough or shortened hours and how this will affect your income, perhaps pay slips before and during furlough for example. As a charity it is important for us to maintain a clear process to ensure fairness to all applicants, compliance with our constitution and also an accountable procedure that reflects our aims to our sponsors.

If you wish to apply for financial assistance with Tuition and/or Central Groups fees for the academic session of 2020-21, please complete the attached form and send the form with photocopied HMRC Statement of any Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit or evidence of UTC or any other awards or income relevant to the tax year 2020-21, including any COVID19 paperwork, to the Foundation Secretary at the address, or email address, stated on the form.

Alternatively you can use the online application form which will be available on our website in the near future - <https://pkmf.org.uk/applications-for-support/>

or use the online application form on the Perth and Kinross Website via the registration process which is sent out from P&KC .

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The Trustees will consider all applications sympathetically and will treat each case individually and confidentially. Please do complete the form as clearly as possible. To cut down on postal costs, it is our intention to email acknowledgement, queries and the final application decision where possible.

I will send an acknowledgement email for any application and, if necessary, request some further information for clarity. The Trustees are meeting later this year - late November, to discuss and make decision on applications, I will be back in touch shortly after that meeting to advise the outcome of your application.

Thank you for your understanding. Meantime keep well and safe.

Just a wee reminder that a new application for funding must be made to the Foundation for each academic year.

Yours sincerely

Sheila Herron
Secretary