

National Youth Orchestras of Scotland

Colin MacLean Bursary Fund Application Guidance Notes

Application deadline: Friday 16 April 2021

About Colin MacLean



Colin MacLean played a key role in establishing the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland in the 1970s, chairing the steering committee and gathering influential support to bring the idea to fruition. He served as vice-chair of NYOS until 1988 and then as chairman until 1994. He was one of the founders of the Endowment Trust of the National Youth Orchestras of Scotland and served as a Trustee until his death in June 2013.

Established by the Endowment Trust of NYOS, this bursary fund recognises Colin MacLean's dedication to encouraging and nurturing youth music. Thanks to donors to the Fund and with the support of NYOS, an annual bursary of £2,000 is awarded to assist a senior, or recent senior, member of NYOS in their further studies in music, or to gain experience in areas outwith NYOS, in the early stages of their music career.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants are current or recent members of NYOS who are 3rd or 4th year undergraduates or postgraduate students of music and have played with one or more of the following ensembles:

- NYOS Symphony Orchestra
- NYOS Camerata
- NYOS Futures
- NYOS Jazz Orchestra
- NYOS Jazz Collective

Guidance Notes

- Applications are submitted via an online form available from the NYOS website. If you require a paper application form, please email hayleygough@nyos.co.uk.
- All applications must be supported by a video recording (please see video recording notes on the next page).
- You will receive a confirmation email to confirm that your application has been submitted. If you do not receive this, please email hayleygough@nyos.co.uk.
- Unsuccessful candidates who have been short-listed by the assessment panel will be contacted with appropriate feedback.
- Recipients of a Colin MacLean Bursary are required to spend it, as specified in their application, within two years of receipt and thereafter provide written evidence to NYOS for the Trustees of the Endowment Trust of NYOS.

Video Recording Notes

- Applicants are asked to film themselves performing two contrasting pieces that demonstrate their musical ability as fully as possible.
- The total length of the recording should be no more than 15 minutes. Repeats, recapitulations etc. may be cut out if necessary.
- We understand that applicants may not have access to an accompanist currently, so we are happy to accept unaccompanied pieces, accompanied pieces but without the piano part, or recordings made with a backing track.
- Candidates should state their name and instrument and introduce the pieces they have chosen.
- Other than stopping and starting the camera between pieces, NO editing of the audio or video is permitted. Any recording that has been edited will not be accepted. The candidate is permitted, however, to use the best, unedited version from multiple takes should they wish.
- Please be sure to use a well-lit space. Please make sure that you, your instrument, and accompanist (if using one) are in the frame at all times.
- Before making the recording, test the audio levels to make sure that all dynamics can be heard.
- Recordings should be uploaded to a private YouTube page and the URLs submitted on the application form.

Uploading your video to YouTube

1. Have your video file(s) ready for upload on your device of choice
2. Open YouTube on the same device i.e. your phone, tablet, or desktop
3. Click the upload arrow or camera icon at the top right of the screen
4. Set the upload option to Unlisted (this means your video cannot be searched for on YouTube)
5. Click upload and locate your file or drag your file into place
6. Once complete, double check your film is unlisted

Once you have uploaded your video to YouTube, click the “Share” button on your video’s page, and copy the URL (e.g. <https://youtu.be/jdK8XYllulY>) into the relevant field(s) on the application form.

If you have any questions regarding your application or video recordings, please contact hayleygough@nyos.co.uk.