



Royal Conservatoire of Scotland

Short Courses Bursary Criteria

Applicable to Agnes Allan Bursary and James McAvoy Scholarship applicants only.

The purpose of the Agnes Allan Bursary and James McAvoy Scholarship is to provide financial support to Short Courses students through a fee reduction scheme. Short Courses include weekly classes, short study, audition/interview preparation, credit rated courses and summer schools.

There will be no money transferred to the student. The bursary amount awarded will be allocated to the student's Short Courses account providing a reduction in the amount payable over the term/academic year.

The amount awarded to each student will be based on:

- the information which is provided in the application form and relevant supporting evidence
- the need of the student, and what is deemed as fair and appropriate by the panel
- the total amount available to award from the bursary/scholarship.

The following bursary criteria is designed to help you determine the amount of financial support you could apply for to help you with your fees for Short Courses tuition. When you are applying please ensure you provide clear and factual information. The bursary panel will use this when they are allocating the bursary awards.

Students should state clearly what they wish to claim and give reasons in their application. The panel will assess the application only on the information provided in the form. Previous applications cannot be considered.

Transitions and WACI

Some bursary applicants may be eligible to apply for RCS Transitions or WACI (Widening Access to the Creative Industries). This is a Fair Access Initiative funded by the Scottish Funding Council for Scottish domiciled students who meet specific criteria. You can find out more about what they offer by visiting their webpages:

[Transitions \(rcs.ac.uk\)](https://www.rcs.ac.uk/transitions)

[Widening Access to the Creative Industries \(rcs.ac.uk\)](https://www.rcs.ac.uk/waci)

Your application will be considered using the Short Courses bursary criteria as follows:

Essential Criteria		Description for Bursary Applications
1	SIMD *	We use the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation, related to your postcode, to determine how much money we can award you. Please provide us with your postcode.
2	Household Income	You will need to provide information about the level of household income/free school meals status at the point of application. You will be asked to provide evidence of income/benefits if successful.
Additional Criteria		Description for Bursary Applications
1	Care Experienced (applicable for students under the age of 25)	Students who are care experienced have had at least 3 months experience of being in care including residential care, foster care, and kinship care.
2	Minority Ethnic Communities	Students come from a minority ethnic community.
3	Carer	Students regularly help to look after a relative with a disability, illness, mental health condition, or drug or alcohol problem.
4	Estranged from Family (applicable for students under the age of 25)	Estranged students are young people studying without the support and approval of a family network. Young people in this position often have no contact at all with their family and have removed themselves from a dysfunctional situation.
5	Disabled Person or Child of a Disabled Person (applicable for students under the age of 25)	Student or the parent/carer of student declare themselves as having a physical or intellectual disability.
6	Low Progression School (applicable for students under the age of 25)	Students attend or have attended a school which has a low progression rate to higher education. Applicants are asked to state the name of the school they last attended and the administrator can cross check this with the list of Low Progression rate schools.
7	Homeless	Student is currently homeless.
8	Student is a refugee or asylum seeker	Student is a refugee or asylum seeker.
9	Lone Parent	Student is a lone parent or the child of a lone parent.
10	Member of the Travelling Community	Student is a member of the travelling community.
11	Veteran	Student is a veteran, or the child of a veteran.

*** SIMD status**

Every postcode in Scotland has a **SIMD decile category** allocated to it. To check SIMD use 2020 postcode finder <https://www.gov.scot/publications/scottish-index-of-multiple-deprivation-2020v2-postcode-look-up/>