



## Peter's Fund (The Peter Woodings Bursary Fund)

Peter's Fund is a charitable fund managed by Merton Music Foundation (MMF) to help young guitarists in the London Borough of Merton and surrounding areas. Funding is available to assist with the purchase of good quality instruments (classical guitars) and subsidising the cost of guitar lessons with MMF.

The fund was established in the memory of Peter Woodings who was an Associate Director at MMF and played a significant part in the development and growth of Merton Music Foundation for over sixteen years. Sadly, Peter passed away in September 2007 and is much remembered as a dedicated and inspirational tutor by the many students he taught over the years. In addition, Peter was a well-respected and enthusiastic conductor of the junior and senior guitar ensembles, both of which he founded during his time here.

Criteria for application to the fund:

Applications are considered for students primarily in the Merton area although consideration may also be given to applicants in other nearby London boroughs. Students will only be supported if they receive lessons through Merton Music Foundation and must continue for the length of the award made.

A selection panel comprising the Chief Executive of MMF, Programmes Director, Curriculum Leader for Guitar and the Musical Director of Merton Senior Guitar Ensemble will decide the awards. The panel will consider applicants' personal statements when deciding the award. In any year where no suitable candidates are identified, awards will not be given out and funds will be withheld for use in future years.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: ONGOING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

To be eligible to be considered for an award, you must:

1. Be receiving guitar lessons through the Merton Music Foundation, and
2. Have made significant progress and demonstrated a commitment to practice and participating in school or MMF events

To apply for an award, you should:

1. Complete the application form in full
2. Attach a copy of your most recent grade examination certificate and, if possible, your mark form if appropriate
3. Attach a supporting letter from your instrumental tutor at MMF



Awards from Peter's Fund are only for students of Merton Music Foundation and if you decide to study elsewhere, the award will be withdrawn. Grants are made in the form of a payment for instrument purchases (proof of receipts are required and must be dated after the award date) or as a subsidy towards the costs of instrumental tuition with MMF.

Payments to help with instrument purchases are usually made in instalments over a period of two years. Further awards for tuition may be available for a period of up to three years of study, subject to available funding and satisfactory progress being made with your tutor at MMF.

Applications forms can be downloaded from the MMF website at <https://mmf.org.uk/pay/financial-assistance>

If you have any queries about the application process, please email [admin@mmf.org.uk](mailto:admin@mmf.org.uk) or telephone 020 8640 5446.

Applications should be sent to the Chief Executive:

Merton Music Foundation (Peter's Fund), c/o Harris Academy Morden, Lilleshall Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4 6DU.

#### Donations:

Donations to Peter's Fund are always welcomed.

Cheques should be made to '**Merton Music Foundation**', which manages the fund – and sent to Merton Music Foundation (Peter's Fund), c/o Harris Academy Morden, Lilleshall Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4 6DU.

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