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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Exciting Opportunity: Apply for Means-Tested Awards for Young Musicians!**

We are delighted to announce an exciting opportunity here at The Gateway Academy for budding young musicians and their parents/carers: Means-Tested Awards for Young Musicians!

We recognise that fostering musical talent among our youth goes beyond mere passion and dedication; it is about ensuring equal opportunities for all aspiring musicians, regardless of their financial circumstances. Hence, we are thrilled to introduce these awards, specifically tailored to support and celebrate the musical abilities of youngsters from diverse backgrounds.

What Are the Awards for Young Musicians? The Awards for Young Musicians represent a special initiative aimed at acknowledging and nurturing the musical potential of children of all ages. These awards go beyond mere talent; they exist to ensure that financial limitations do not hinder a young musician's dreams.

## **Key Information:**

- Eligibility: These awards are open to all young musicians aged within the specified age range (11-16) who exhibit a passion for music and a commitment to enhancing their skills. The application process takes into account your family's financial situation to determine eligibility.
- Application Period: The application window for the Means-Tested Awards for Young Musicians is currently open and will close on Friday 20 October 2023. We strongly encourage all interested families to apply during this period.
- How to Apply: To submit an application, please visit the Awards for Young Musicians webpage and
  complete the online application form (<u>the online application form</u>). You will be required to provide details
  about your child's musical interests, achievements, and undergo a means-tested financial assessment.

Awards for Young Musicians offer a range of valuable prizes, including grants ranging from £10 to £2000. These awards are intended to support your child's musical journey, covering expenses such as instrument purchases, lessons and more.

We firmly believe that every young musician deserves the chance to pursue their musical aspirations and these awards represent a significant step in that direction. We , therefore, invite you and your child to seize this unique opportunity and submit your application to the Means-Tested Awards for Young Musicians. Should you have any questions or require assistance during the application process, then please do not to contact Charlotte at <a href="mailto:Awards@a-y-m.org.uk">Awards@a-y-m.org.uk</a> or contact me at The Gateway Academy <a href="mailto:esther.farinde@theglc.org.uk">esther.farinde@theglc.org.uk</a> We are here to guide you at every stage.

We eagerly anticipate receiving your applications and witnessing the remarkable musical talents that our young musicians possess. Together, we can transform dreams into reality.

Yours sincerely



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