

TalentAid Application Form (updated December 2024)

Please ensure that you return this form together with the Supporting Statement by the date stated on our website at www.mcf.org.uk/talentaid. Any applications received after this date will not be considered.

1. Applicant Declaration (to be read before completing the form)

‘Applicant’ is always the parent/guardian

By providing information and documents to complete this application, you are agreeing:

- the information you give will be complete and correct and that the people recorded on the form have no income or capital which has not been disclosed.
- to tell other individuals mentioned on this application that you have shared their information and direct them to the MCF's Privacy Policy.
- you understand that all information and documents will be treated in accordance with the MCF's Privacy Policy, which can be viewed at www.mcf.org.uk/privacy

Is the applicant happy to proceed?	Yes	No
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Is applicant happy to be contacted about publicity?	Yes	No
Does applicant wish to receive updates on the work of the MCF?	Yes	No

2. Household information

Applicant (always the parent/guardian)

Title					
Full name					
Date of birth					
Gender	Male	Female	Other (please specify)	Prefer not to say	
Disability	Do you have a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' (i.e. 12 months or longer) negative effect on your ability to do day to day activities?			Yes	No
				Prefer not to say	
Address and postcode					
Phone					
Email					

Spouse/Partner

Title					
Full name					
Date of birth					
Gender	Male	Female	Other (please specify)		Prefer not to say
Disability			Yes	No	Prefer not to say

Other people in the household

Name	Relationship to applicant	Amount contributed towards household expenditure (£/pcm)

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Full Name of Freemason	
Date of birth	
Date of death (if applicable)	
Address and postcode	
Relationship to applicant	
Lodge name and number	

3. Candidate (the person for whom support is being requested)

Full name	
Date of birth	

School/college/university from September

If school/course fees are being requested please provide a letter confirming the candidate's place on the course and verification of any funding which has been secured towards the fees e.g. DaDA, MDS or any bursaries/scholarships offered by the school or other organisations.

Name of school/college/university	
Full name of course and qualification (e.g. BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Performing Arts)	
Subject/s	
Date joined	
Course end date	
Type of education: secondary/ (state or independent)/ further/ higher education	
Fees p.a. (if applicable)	
Accommodation costs p.a. (if applicable)	

4. Children and young people in the household

Please list all other children in the household, including students living away from home.

First name and surname	Date of birth	Type of education: pre-school/ primary/ secondary/ (state or independent)/ further/ higher education	Start date	End date	Does the child or young person have a Special Educational Need or a disability? Yes/ No/ Prefer not to say	Gender: male/ female/ other (please specify)/ prefer not to say

Additional information about any students in higher education in the household.

Name of student	Student's email	Course title	Living at home or away during term time?

5. Household income

		Applicant		Spouse/Partner	
		£	W/4W/M/A	£	W/4W/M/A
Net income from employment (gross less Income Tax and NI only)					
State Pension					
Pension Credit					
Net occupational pension					
Net private pension					
Net private pension					
Net private pension					
Net private pension					
Net children's pension					
Net widow's pension					
Other:					
Other:					

6. Benefits

		Applicant		Spouse/Partner	
		£	W/4W/M/A	£	W/4W/M/A
Income Support					
Job Seeker's Allowance					
Employment and Support Allowance					
Incapacity Benefit					
Universal Credit					
Attendance Allowance					
PIP/DLA – adult	daily living/care				
	mobility				

			Applicant		Spouse/Partner	
			£	W/4W/M/A	£	W/4W/M/A
PIP/DLA – children	daily living/care					
	mobility					
Carer’s Allowance						
Child Benefit						
Working Tax Credit						
Child Tax Credit						
Bereavement Allowance / Widowed Parent’s Allowance						
Bereavement Support Payment	Yes	No				
Other						
Other						

7. Other household income

			Applicant		Spouse/Partner	
			£	W/4W/M/A	£	W/4W/M/A
Maintenance for applicant or spouse/partner						
Maintenance for children						
Net rental income						
Interest from savings and investments						
Other						
Other						

8. Household expenses

	£	W/4W/M/A
Child/ex-spouse/partner maintenance		
Board/keep (if living with friends or relatives)		
Residential/nursing home fees (paid by applicant)		

	£	W/4W/M/A
Total rent payable for the property		
Housing Benefit/Universal Credit housing element		
Rent paid by applicant (rent payable less rent paid by Housing Benefit or Universal Credit housing element)		
Mandatory housing service charge		
Ground rent		

9. Capital

Value of family home (£)	
Outstanding mortgage (£)	
Current interest rate (%)	
Additional charges on family home (incl. equity release) (£)	
Purpose of additional charges	
Current interest rate for additional charges	
Value of any other property (£)	
Outstanding mortgage on any other property (£)	
Current mortgage interest rate for any other property (%)	

		Applicant £	Spouse/Partner £
Current account balance			
Other savings/investments			
Other			
Other			
Other			
Other capital including trust funds			
Other			

10. Tutor/Coach contact details

The MCF will contact your child's tutor/coach direct to request that they complete a Tutor/Coach Reference form, which will ask questions about your child's performance, progress and potential in their discipline. You should inform the tutor/coach that you have provided the MCF with their name and contact details and that the MCF will email them requesting completion of the Reference form. **You will be copied into the correspondence we send to the tutor/coach and it will be your responsibility to ensure that they return the completed form by the deadline.**

You may submit the contact details of up to two tutor/coaches. At least one must be a current tutor/coach. If you are applying for assistance with school fees, and your child already attends the school, at least one must be a teacher at the school.

Please note that the Tutor/Coach Reference forms a central part of the application process and the MCF will be unable to proceed with your child's application without it.

	Tutor/coach 1	Tutor/coach 2
Name		
Email		
Telephone		
How tutor/coach knows the candidate		

11. Applicant statement

Please add any relevant information not covered elsewhere.

In addition to applying for support under the TalentAid scheme, you may be eligible for a Daily Living Costs (DLC) grant if you have experienced an event that has caused a drop in income (e.g. job loss, health issues resulting in an inability to work, the loss of a partner etc.). If you would like to be considered for a DLC grant please provide details below.

12. Supporting documents

Before you submit this application you MUST ensure that copies of the following documents are attached. If the documents required are not provided the Application will not be accepted and will be returned. Please do not send original documents and please ensure that copies are of the latest versions. Do not wait for new documents if it will delay the application. Up-to-date versions will be requested if necessary.

Please note that all forms and supporting documents should be clearly labelled and provided as a PDF, Microsoft Word document, JPG, and/or PNG files. Unfortunately we are unable to accept applications sent via other file sharing services such as DropBox/WeTransfer/etc.

Financial documents		
Three most recent payslips if paid monthly or six most recent payslips if paid weekly	Yes	No
If self-employed, most recent full accounts and / or Self-Assessment Tax Return	Yes	No
Verification of all pensions	Yes	No
Award notifications for all state benefits (all pages). For Universal Credit three most recent statements (all pages) are required	Yes	No
Latest mortgage statement (all pages)/verification of rent payable	Yes	No
If in receipt of any rental income, Self-Assessment Tax Return	Yes	No
Documents associated with talent		
If school/course fees are requested, verification of the place at the school/college/university must be provided	Yes	No
Verification of funding i.e. DaDA, MDS, bursaries/scholarships obtained via schools or other organisations	Yes	No
Certificates of achievement related to talent	Yes	No
Verification of the costs you have requested on the Supporting Statement e.g. receipts, invoices, letters or emails from tutor/coach etc.	Yes	No

Please note that we are only able to consider costs that will arise in the forthcoming academic year (2025/26), starting in September 2025.

Therefore if you have the schedule/costs for competitions and training for the forthcoming academic year (2025/26), please include it with your application. If you do not yet have this, please include the schedule/costs for the current academic year.

13. Bank account details

NOTE: If a grant is awarded, we will need your bank details to make the payment by BACS transfer. We can only make payments direct to the candidate if they are aged 18 or over. You can provide the details below, or alternatively provide them if your application is approved.

Name of payee:	
Bank/building society name:	
Branch address:	
Sort code (6 digits):	
Account number (8 digits):	
Name on account:	
Roll number (if applicable):	

Please return this form, together with the Supporting Statement, by emailing talentaid@mcf.org.uk to request an encrypted link to send via secure email.