

The John Deas Memorial Brass Bursary, 2021 - 2024

John (Jack) Deas was a Fife musician and accountant with a great flair for the french horn. Throughout his life, he played, performed and coached on the instrument and was involved in innumerable orchestral, operatic and choral performances as well as appearing as a soloist. He helped and encouraged many young players and was a great supporter of all opportunities available for young musicians. Following his death in 2019, his widow wishes to provide a memorial bursary in his name, to support young Fife brass musicians setting out on or already engaged upon professional brass training.

For each of the three academic years 2021/2022, 2022/2023, 2023/2024, an award of £1,500 will be made to the applicant who fulfils the specified criteria and is considered the worthiest of the award.

The Bursary will be administered by the Trustees of Fife Festival of Music on behalf of Mrs N Deas. Year 1 details below will be replicated for years 2 and 3 and will appear in 2022 and 2023 respectively.

For the academic year 2021/2022, applications are now invited from Fife brass playing students under the age of 25 at 1st August 2021.

The award is available to assist with any or all:

- fees in fulltime mainstream college/university professional brass training
- attendance at specialist course provision ie in addition to a mainstream course eg supplementary tuition/lessons at a distant UK location or abroad (and therefore with some of the costs associated with travel and accommodation)
- purchase of an instrument, equipment or music
- associated training purpose or event
- any other initiative.

Application is to be made by letter: see below* for requisite inclusions.

Applications will be considered by the Trustees of Fife Festival of Music.

The criteria used in the decision-making process will focus on applicants' stated intentions and the decision will be final and fixed. Applications should be sent to Graeme Wilson, Chairman, Fife Festival of Music by email chair@ffom.org.uk by 30 June 2021. Applications will be acknowledged upon receipt. The successful applicant and all others will be notified by 30 July 2021.

The successful applicant will be asked to sign a receipt for the money awarded and to provide a signed statement committing to:

1. the proper and full use of the bursary award for the purposes outlined in the application
2. the provision of a report by 30 May 2022 (c. 250 words) detailing the use made, the benefits gained and acknowledgement of the award
3. the provision by 30 May 2022 of a signed certified statement by a senior member of the professional training establishment (University/College Head of Department) confirming the full and proper use of the bursary award.

*Notes re Application: (Applicants are expected to have completed school-based education)

- Name, contact details (postal and email address, phone number) age as at 1.8.21, date of birth
- Brief resumé of relevant musical training and experience to date
- Location and academic qualification aim of course of study to be followed or in progress
- Purpose of using the award
- Any other relevant information to assist in the decision-making process
- NB For 2022/2023 and 2023/2024, any previous successful bursary applicant will not be eligible to reapply.
- NB Some publicity may be released in connection with the award and successful applicant.