Notes for Grant Applicants

Origin of the Trust

The Exuberant Trust (Registered Charity No: 1095911) was set up after the death of Jennifer Graham-Jones in 2002. Jennifer and Michael were the hosts of a series of 'Music at the Limes' concerts in Standlake, West Oxon, from 1983 onwards. These gave many young players a chance to perform in aid of various charities and to pass on their enthusiasm to still younger children. The Exuberant Trust aims to continue the tradition of supporting young people in Oxfordshire who are developing their own interests in the arts and giving pleasure to others.

Grant-Making Policy

The Trust aims to support and encourage young people in fields of artistic endeavour, at times in their lives when crucial decisions are needed. Applications for small, one-off grants will be welcomed from any young person involved with artistic and creative activities in Oxfordshire: music, drama, dance, arts, crafts, film etc.

The trustees will carefully consider all applications and every application will be considered on its merits. Preference will be given to first-time applicants under 30 years of age who provide evidence of a need for help.

Resources are limited and individual grants are unlikely to exceed £500. Applicants should give convincing reasons for applying and should include appropriate references and a budget proposal. Successful applicants are encouraged to take part in concerts and other activities in support of the Trust.

Procedure for Applying for a Grant

Please note that incomplete applications cannot be accepted. Make sure that you read the guidelines below CAREFULLY.

1. Please apply by post and e-mail. Your application should state, on one side of A4 paper, why you are applying to the Exuberant Trust. Say a little about yourself, what you hope to achieve with the aid of the Trust and why you need financial help. Please note that the grant should be for a specific project or activity. **We would also like to know how you heard about the Exuberant Trust.**

2. Make sure that you state your date of birth and details of your connection to Oxfordshire.

3. Outline your current financial situation (and that of your parents or guardian, if appropriate). Specify your proposed budget, i.e. state how you would spend any grant.

4. **References** (please note that all references **should include** the full contact details of the referee and preferably include a date and signature).
   - **If you are under 18**, please provide two written references: one from a parent or close relative and one from a teacher or equivalent person.
   - **If you are over 18**, please enclose a relevant, written reference and a copy of your curriculum vitae.

5. Please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope to ensure a reply from the Trust.

6. Please make sure that you put the **correct postage** on your application. E.g. an A4 sized envelope will need a Large Letter stamp.

7. Please send your completed application, with documents and stamped addressed envelope to: **The Exuberant Trust, 11 St. Margaret's Road, Oxford OX2 6RU**

9. Please also email your completed application and all documents to: **admin@exuberant-trust.org.uk**

10. Please note that grant applications are discussed by the Exuberant Trustees at committee meetings which are held 4 times a year. It may therefore take up to 3 months for grant applications to be processed.

Exuberant Trustees: Susie Crow, Euton Daley, Susanna Graham-Jones, Lindsay Herford, Peter McMullin, Jessica Osborne, Jose Phillips and Alex Tester.