

## Bursary from The Music Therapy Charity

I would like to thank The Music Therapy Charity for helping to fund my training for MSc Music Therapy at Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh. This course is absolutely fantastic and I am truly grateful to be a Music Therapy Student. Getting funding for such a course is a massive help. The course covers many costs, including training in manual handling for placement, lectures, talks and workshops from some fantastic well known people in music, therapy and social sciences. Although these are all included in our fees, some requirements of the course are not included. Therefore the university require the trainee to fund these costs by themselves.

In preparation for placement, a passport must be completed with many lengthy requirements. The PVG disclosure for Scotland is to be completed and paid for by the trainee, this certificate is essential and the cost is not reimbursed. Another part of the passport is to get personal insurance to cover you on placement, this is another requirement which is not reimbursed. Travelling to and from placement can be very costly, depending on the distance in which you have to travel this can be a huge extra expense. As placement is a requirement of the course, the location of the placement is unknown to many at the beginning. Travelling a long journey to and from placement is not only exhausting but very costly, and unfortunately the university do not reimburse money spent travelling.

Another requirement to the course is to attend a minimum of 40 Psychotherapy sessions over the two years of training. This can cost between £30 to £60 per 50-60 minutes, a cost which is an essential part of the course and again is not funded by the university. This bursary has helped with these extra costs, I have been able to purchase expensive and essential books to aid my study. Most importantly, has eased the financial strain from myself and my parents.

Thank you for your generosity, I greatly appreciate it.

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