

ARTS COUNCIL OF NORTHERN IRELAND NATIONAL LOTTERY FUND

Young Musicians' Platform

Guidance Notes

Applicants should read these Guidance Notes carefully before completing the online application form.

Open for Application	Deadline for Application	Audition Date	Decisions
6 September 2018	4.00 pm Thursday, 25 October 2018	19 - 21 November 2018	29 November 2018

Application forms and information on this scheme are available in large print format, disc and audio tape. If you need one of these formats, or need any assistance to complete the application form please contact the Arts Council's Arts Development Department on 028 9262 3555.

Young Musicians' Platform

The Arts Council of Northern Ireland, in collaboration with BBC Northern Ireland, offers awards for young, exceptionally talented **solo musicians/singers in Classical, Jazz and Traditional Music** who are ready to enter the professional world as artists. The financial award associated with this scheme will allow applicants to spend a sizeable amount of time learning from a master musician/ teacher/composer etc. abroad. The BBC will facilitate this scheme by offering two professional broadcast performances to 5 successful applicants, in the period January – December 2019.

Who can apply?

- Individual classical, jazz and traditional musicians who reside in or originate from Northern Ireland;
- Lower age limit of 18 and up to an age limit of 26 for instrumental players, and 29 for singers;
- Classical, jazz and traditional musicians who have made a meaningful contribution to artistic activities in Northern Ireland;
- Applicants must have reached a high standard of public performance as indicated within the references and as demonstrated with a solo recording of 2 contrasting works of no more than 8 minutes each

What does this scheme offer?

The Young Musicians' Platform Scheme is a biennial scheme offering a maximum of 5 individual awards of £5,000 plus two professional engagements arranged by BBC Northern Ireland for a broadcast chamber music/ solo recital and/or concerto performance with the Ulster Orchestra where appropriate.

The following are not eligible

- Applications for prolonged study at centres of further or higher education. However, applications involving short-term attendance at centres of further education will be considered if the proposed master/artist is accessible only through this route.
- Applications from previous recipients of a Young Musicians' Platform award.
- Materials/equipment

Audition

Final selection will be by audition lasting no longer than 10 minutes. Auditions will be held in Belfast from **19 to 21 November 2018**. An Audition Panel consisting of representatives of the BBC, ACNI and independent adjudicators will select extracts from the applicant's programme to include 3 contrasting pieces in style and period, one of which will be contemporary. Reasonable expenses will be paid for return travel to and from Belfast.

Additional support material required

All applicants must submit two references from professional musicians/teachers/promoters on the Reference Forms included within the application form and a recording of 2 contrasting works of no more than 8 minutes each.

PROCESS

1. **You can only apply using the online system via the Arts Council of Northern Ireland website.** Complete and submit the online application form, uploading all relevant enclosures and supporting material as specified. Note: the Arts Council will not accept applications by fax or email.
2. The application form includes an Equality Monitoring Form, which enables the Arts Council of Northern Ireland to ensure fair and wide access to this programme. This does not form part of the decision-making process; however you are required to fill this in as the Council is obliged to comply with equality legislation.
3. The Arts Council will acknowledge receipt of application forms within 20 working days of the closing deadline.
4. Successful shortlisted applicants will be contacted inviting them to audition.
5. Successful applicants will be issued with a contract outlining the conditions attached to the award and the purposes for which the award can be used.
6. Unsuccessful applicants will receive a letter detailing the reason/s why the application was unsuccessful.

IS THE ARTS COUNCIL DECISION FINAL?

The decision of the Arts Council is final.