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## SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES POLICY

### 1. INTRODUCTION & PRINCIPLES

Point Blank is committed to making music education accessible to people of all backgrounds.

We are delighted to offer scholarships, bursaries and funds that are designed to break down barriers.

**Point Blank's RISE Scholarship, Bursary and Mentoring Awards programme aims to:**

- Remove barriers to higher education and the music industry
- Include under-represented groups
- Support disadvantaged students to success on their course
- Enable employment in the music industry on graduation

We would encourage all applicants to be proactive and communicative throughout the application process.

### 2. BURSARIES

#### 2.1 London

##### ACCESS TO MUSIC BURSARY (LONDON)

This bursary is available to applicants whose circumstances may otherwise prevent them from commencing their studies with the aim of promoting greater diversity. For 2022/23 academic year, there are four bursaries available to outstanding applicants who may not otherwise be able to study with us. The bursary is worth £3,000 per year (up to a maximum of £9,000 in total over a three year study period) and will be paid directly to the successful applicants in equal termly payments.

To be eligible applicants or students should:

- Demonstrate outstanding potential, evidenced through a portfolio of work and a personal statement
- Have been accepted on any of our higher education programmes at our London campus
- Be a UK national applying to study your first degree (you must not have completed a degree level course already)
- Come from a low participation neighbourhood and have a household income of less than £46,000 per annum
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Applications can be made by completing a Scholarship and Bursary Application form from [scholarships@pointblankmusicschool.com](mailto:scholarships@pointblankmusicschool.com)

## 2.2 WOMEN IN MUSIC BURSARY (LONDON)

This bursary is available to female applicants from low participation neighbourhoods. For 2022/23 academic year, there are three bursaries available to outstanding female applicants who may not otherwise be able to study with us. The bursary is worth £3,000 per year (up to a maximum of £9,000 in total over a three year study period) and will be paid directly to the successful applicants in equal termly payments.

To be eligible applicants or students should:

- Demonstrate outstanding potential, evidenced through a portfolio of work and a personal statement
- Have been accepted on any of our higher education programmes at our London campus
- Be a UK national applying to study their first degree (you must not have completed a degree level course already)
- Be a female from a low participation neighbourhood and have a household income of less than £46,000 per annum

Applications can be made by completing a Scholarship and Bursary Application form from [scholarships@pointblankmusicschool.com](mailto:scholarships@pointblankmusicschool.com)

## 2.3 Applicant Responsibilities

### Financial Evidence

Bursary applicants will be required to provide financial evidence to show that they meet the financial eligibility criteria as part of the bursary application process.

To prove household income, the applicant will need to show one of the following as evidence:

- P60
- Self-assessment tax form
- Month 12 / week 53 payslip
- Headed Letter from employer confirming employment and salary
- Universal credit confirmation letter

Other forms of financial evidence will be reviewed; however, it is at the discretion of the Scholarships Team as to whether the alternative form of evidence is suitable or not.

An applicant may be given a deadline by which they are required to provide their financial evidence. If the applicant misses this deadline, their Bursary application may be withdrawn.

Applicants suspected or proven to provide fraudulent financial evidence or found making false claims as part of their Bursary application, will be withdrawn from the application process and will be ineligible to apply for further funding.

### **3. SCHOLARSHIPS**

#### **3.1 London**

##### **DENIS SULTA X DJ MAG SCHOLARSHIP (LONDON)**

This scholarship is available to UK based applicants with disabilities whose circumstances may otherwise prevent them from commencing their studies in music. It aims to provide access to music education for all, with a focus on enabling disabled artists an opportunity to pursue their passion through education.

Applications are welcomed from all backgrounds, especially those who feel that they face difficulties when accessing the music scene due to their disability, cultural background and/or socioeconomic status. The value of this scholarship is **£9,250** per year of study.

Applicants for the BA (Hons) Music Production and DJ Performance course (both the 2 year and 3 year routes) are able to apply for the scholarship following submission of a scholarship application in the form of a musical CV and Cover Letter (2 sides A4 maximum).

##### **RA YOUNG PRODUCERS SCHOLARSHIP (LONDON)**

This scholarship is available to UK applicants aged 18-25 whose circumstances may otherwise prevent them from commencing their studies. It aims to provide a unique platform for a new generation of electronic music DJs and producers, with a focus on enabling young artists the opportunity to pursue their passion. We welcome applicants from all backgrounds, especially those who feel that they face difficulties when accessing the music scene due to their cultural background and/or socioeconomic status. The value of this scholarship is **£9,250**.

This scholarship applies to the CertHE and DJ Performance course. Applications are made via submission of a scholarship application in the form of a CV and Cover Letter (2 sides A4 maximum).

##### **ACCESS TO MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP (LONDON)**

This scholarship is available to applicants whose circumstances may otherwise prevent them from commencing their studies with the aim of promoting greater diversity. For the academic year 2022/23, there is one scholarship available to outstanding applicants who may not otherwise be able to study with us. The scholarship is worth £3,000 per year (up to a maximum of £9,000 in total) and will be deducted from the course fees.

To be eligible applicants or students should:

- Demonstrate outstanding potential, evidenced through a portfolio of work and a personal statement

- Have been accepted on any of our higher education programmes at our London campus
- Be a UK national applying to study your first degree (you must not have completed a degree level course already)
- Come from a low participation neighbourhood and have a household income of less than £46,000 per annum.

Applications can be made by completing a Scholarship and Bursary Application form from [scholarships@pointblankmusicschool.com](mailto:scholarships@pointblankmusicschool.com)

### **WOMEN IN MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP(LONDON)**

This scholarship is available to female applicants from low participation neighbourhoods. For 2022/23 academic year, there is one scholarship available to outstanding female applicants who may not otherwise be able to study with us. The scholarship is worth £3,000 per year (up to a maximum of £9,000 in total over a three year study period) and will be deducted from the course fees.

To be eligible applicants or students should:

- Demonstrate outstanding potential, evidenced through a portfolio of work and a personal statement
- Have been accepted on any of our higher education programmes at our London campus
- Be a UK national applying to study their first degree (you must not have completed a degree level course already)
- Be a female from a low participation neighbourhood and have a household income of less than £46,000 per annum

Applications can be made by completing a Scholarship and Bursary Application form from [scholarships@pointblankmusicschool.com](mailto:scholarships@pointblankmusicschool.com)

### **WE ARE EUROPE SCHOLARSHIP (LONDON)**

This scholarship is available to applicants from the European Union (EU) who do not have settle/pre-settled status in the UK. Each academic year, Point Blank can award these to EU applicants who would not otherwise be able to study with us. The scholarship is worth £3,000 per year (up to £9,000 in total depending on your pathway) and will be deducted from the course fees.

To be eligible applicants or students should:

- Have been accepted on any of our higher education courses at our London campus
- Be an EU national applying to study your first degree (you cannot have completed a degree level course already)
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The scholarships will be automatically applied to all EU applicants in the academic year 2022/23.

## **WE ARE INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP (LONDON)**

This scholarship is available to applicants from outside of the UK and the European Union (EU) starting their course in 22/23. Point Blank can award these to a limited number of outstanding International applicants who would not otherwise be able to study with us. The scholarship is worth £3,000 per year (up to £9,000 in total depending on your pathway) and will be deducted from the course fees. Please Note: From 2023/24 this scholarship will transfer to current International students progressing to the second or third year of their course and be awarded for outstanding attendance and performance.

To be eligible applicants or students should:

- Demonstrate outstanding potential, evidenced through a portfolio of work and a personal statement
- Have been accepted on any of our higher education courses at our London campus starting in 22/23
- Be an international applicant applying to study your first degree (you cannot have completed a degree level course already)

Applications can be made by submitting a portfolio and a personal statement to [scholarships@pointblankmusicschool.com](mailto:scholarships@pointblankmusicschool.com)

## **MUSIC INDUSTRY LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP (LONDON)**

This scholarship is available to applicants to study any of our higher education programmes in London. Each academic year, Point Blank can award these to a limited number of outstanding applicants. The scholarship is worth £1,000 per year (up to £3,000 in total depending on your pathway) and will be deducted from the course fees.

To be eligible students should:

- Have been accepted on any of our Higher Education courses at our London campus
- Be a UK national applying to study their first degree (you cannot have completed a degree level course already)
- Have 152 UCAS points or the equivalent. We will also consider relevant experience if you do not have formal academic qualifications
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Application is automatic, there is no need to make an application. The scholarship will be awarded once confirmation of results/grades have been received.

## **MUSIC INDUSTRY TALENT SCHOLARSHIP (LONDON)**

This scholarship is available to applicants on professional courses at our London school studying in 22/23 and is worth the value of one module. This can be awarded to students who demonstrate outstanding potential in music who are in need of financial assistance.

To be eligible students should:



- Demonstrate outstanding potential, evidence through a portfolio of work and a personal statement
- Be applying to study a practical course
- Have a household income of less than £46,000 per annum

Applications can be made by completing a Scholarship and Bursary Application form from [scholarships@pointblankmusicschool.com](mailto:scholarships@pointblankmusicschool.com)

### **3.2 Online**

#### **ACCESS TO MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP (ONLINE)**

This scholarship is available to applicants whose circumstances may otherwise prevent them from commencing their studies with the aim of promoting greater diversity. For the academic year 2022/23, there are two scholarships available to outstanding applicants who may not otherwise be able to study with us. The scholarships are worth £6,000 per year and will cover the total value of the course.

To be eligible applicants or students should:

- Demonstrate outstanding potential, evidenced through a portfolio of work and a personal statement
- Have been accepted on any of our higher education programmes at our Online campus
- Be a UK national applying to study their first degree (you must not have completed a degree level course already)
- Come from a low participation neighbourhood and have a household income of less than £46,000 per annum

Applications can be made by completing a Scholarship and Bursary Application form from [scholarships@pointblankmusicschool.com](mailto:scholarships@pointblankmusicschool.com)

#### **MUSIC INDUSTRY TALENT SCHOLARSHIP (ONLINE)**

This scholarship is available for applicants on professional courses in our Online school studying in 22/23 and is worth the value of one module. This can be awarded to students who demonstrate outstanding potential in music who are in need of financial assistance.

To be eligible students should:

- Demonstrate outstanding potential, evidence through a portfolio of work and a personal statement
- Be applying to study a professional course in the Online school in 22/23
- Have a household income of less than £46,000 per annum

Applications can be made by completing a Scholarship and Bursary Application form from [scholarships@pointblankmusicschool.com](mailto:scholarships@pointblankmusicschool.com)

### 3.3 Los Angeles

#### RA YOUNG PRODUCERS SCHOLARSHIP (LOS ANGELES)

This scholarship is available to applicants aged 18-25 whose circumstances may otherwise prevent them from commencing their studies. It aims to provide a unique platform for a new generation of electronic music DJs and producers, with a focus on enabling young artists the opportunity to pursue their passion. We welcome applicants from all backgrounds, especially those who feel that they face difficulties when accessing the music scene due to their cultural background and/or socioeconomic status.

Applicants for the [Music Production and DJ Performance Master Diploma](#) can apply via submission of a scholarship application in the form of a CV and Cover Letter (2 sides A4 maximum) to [scholarships@pointblankmusicschool.com](mailto:scholarships@pointblankmusicschool.com)

#### MUSIC INDUSTRY LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP (LOS ANGELES)

Point Blank is dedicated to helping talented producers from all over the world achieve excellence at our beautiful Mack Sennett Studios campus in the Silver Lake neighbourhood of Los Angeles, California. This is a talent-based scholarship which can **defray up to 20% of the Point Blank tuition cost**. The amount of the scholarship is adjudicated according to talent as evidenced through a portfolio combined with potential for industry success as evidenced through a personal statement.

Applications are made by completion of the [Financial Support Application form](#) and inclusion of a portfolio. Applicant Responsibilities

##### Interviews

Scholarship and grant applicants may be required to attend an interview as part of the application process. The aim of the interview is to establish the applicant is suitable for the funding and can meet the eligibility criteria.

The Scholarships Team will aim to schedule an interview at a mutually convenient time, where possible.

If an applicant fails to attend an interview, it is at the discretion of the Scholarships Team to offer a further interview opportunity.

### 4. BURSARY & SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Students in receipt of funding from Point Blank should consider themselves ambassadors of the school and demonstrate the core values of school at all times.

Where applicable, scholarship, bursaries and grant funds will be disbursed periodically throughout the programme. After the initial disbursement, the recipient must maintain satisfactory academic progress and meet the minimum attendance requirement to continue to receive funds.

If the recipient fails to maintain satisfactory academic progress or meet the minimum attendance requirement (70%), the scholarship will be forfeited, and the recipient is liable for all remaining tuition charges that would have otherwise been paid by the scholarship.

Students in receipt of scholarships or bursaries may be asked and be expected to attend external and internal events or contribute to marketing material. This includes, but is not limited to, Open Days, Induction Days, Recruitment Events and Masterclasses. Each recipient will be obliged to attend a minimum of one event per academic year at a mutually agreeable time.

## **5. HARSHIP FUND**

### **5.1 HARSHIP FUND (LONDON)**

As part of our commitment to provide financial assistance for students who meet financial hardship whilst studying a student loan-funded course with us, we have the Hardship Support Fund available. This fund provides financial support to a select number of **current students** studying a higher education course who have met unforeseen financial hardship during their studies. For some students, a grant from our Hardship Support Fund can make all the difference, allowing them to refocus on their studies and successfully graduate. The maximum award is £1,000 per year.

### **5.2 HARSHIP FUND (ONLINE)**

As part of our commitment to provide financial assistance for students who meet financial hardship whilst studying a student loan-funded online course with us, we have the Hardship Support Fund available. This fund provides financial support to a select number of **current students** studying a higher education course who have met unforeseen financial hardship during their studies. For some students, a grant from our Hardship Support Fund can make all the difference, allowing them to refocus on their studies and successfully graduate. The maximum award is £500 per year.

### **5.3 Application process**

Students must apply for the Hardship Fund by sending a cover letter and any financial evidence to [support@pointblankmusicschool.com](mailto:support@pointblankmusicschool.com)

Applications will be assessed by the Student Support Team in order of receipt, continually throughout the academic year.

All successful Hardship Fund applicants will be notified if they have been accepted or refused their application for the fund.

Point Blank will attempt to contact the selected recipient by the email provided on the application. If the recipient does not respond within 7 days of the first contact attempt, the offer will be rescinded.

## **5.4 Applicant Responsibilities**

### **Interviews**

Hardship Fund applicants may be required to attend an interview as part of the application process. The aim of the interview is to establish the applicant is suitable for the funding and is in genuine financial hardship.

The Student Support Team will aim to schedule an interview at a mutually convenient time, where possible.

If an applicant fails to attend an interview, it is at the discretion of the Student Support Team to offer a further interview opportunity.

### **Financial Evidence**

Hardship Fund applicants will be required to provide financial evidence to demonstrate the cause of their financial issue.

The applicant may provide the following as evidence:

- P60
- Self-assessment tax form
- Month 12 / week 53 payslip
- Headed Letter from employer confirming employment and salary
- Universal credit confirmation letter
- Documents from employers
- Bank statements
- Childcare receipts
- Doctors notes

Other forms of financial evidence will be reviewed; however, it is at the discretion of the Student Support Team as to whether the alternative form of evidence is suitable or not.

An applicant may be given a deadline by which they to provide their financial evidence. If the applicant misses this deadline, their Hardship Fund application may be withdrawn.

Applicants suspected or proven to provide fraudulent financial evidence or found making false claims as part of their Hardship Fund application, will be withdrawn from the application process and will be ineligible to apply for further funding.

## **6. TERMS & CONDITIONS**

- Scholarships, bursaries, and grants may only be used towards the cost of a Point Blank course, are not transferable and may not be redeemed for cash value.
- Failure to accept the scholarship within 7 days of the offer being emailed will result in the scholarship, bursary or grant being rescinded.
- Where applicable, scholarship, bursaries and grant funds will be disbursed periodically throughout the programme. After the initial disbursement, the recipient must

maintain satisfactory academic progress by passing all modules during the academic year and meet an attendance requirement of 70% in order to continue to receive funding. If the recipient fails to maintain satisfactory academic progress or meet the minimum attendance requirement the scholarship will be forfeited, and the recipient is liable for all remaining tuition charges that would have otherwise been paid by the scholarship.

- Point Blank reserves the right to not award a scholarship, bursary or grant if there are no applicants who meet the eligibility requirements.
- Scholarships, bursaries, and grants are not guaranteed, nor will a scholarship or bursary award secure a place on the intended programme or term of study for the recipient.
- Students in receipt of scholarships or bursaries may be asked and be expected to act as a student ambassador for the School. This may include supporting open days, attending external events (e.g., education exhibitions), contributing to marketing materials and supporting widening participation initiatives such as peer mentoring and outreach projects.
- Students awarded a scholarship, bursary or grant will be expected to act as a student mentor to new students.
- Where evidence of household income is required, this must be submitted with the application, failure to do so will result in the application being withdrawn.
- Students in receipt of a scholarship, bursary or grant who are eligible for free software will receive the software at the start of their course.
- Scholarships and bursaries are not available for our Foundation Year course.
- Students who have been accepted to study a Foundation Year followed by one of our 3 year degrees, will only be eligible to apply for a scholarship or bursary upon successful completion of the Foundation Year.
- Where students temporarily interrupt their studies, the scholarship/bursary/fee waiver will be suspended. Failure to resume studies within one academic year will result in the scholarship/bursary/fee waiver being rescinded except in exceptional circumstances approved by the Scholarships and Bursaries Committee.
- Students on a Student Visa are required to fulfil all Student Visa requirements whilst at the school. Failure to do so will result in the scholarship/bursary/fee waiver being rescinded.