



SANDFORD PARK
SCHOOL
MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Music Scholarship Entry Form & Information 2026

Introduction:

Sandford Park School's music scholarship programme is open to students coming into Form One and is awarded at the discretion of the Board of Governors. The scholarship may be offered to a student from any musical tradition who is deemed to have the potential to make a significant contribution to the musical life of the school.

Scholarships will be awarded for full or partial remission of the general school tuition fees. Fees for individual instrumental lessons will not be included. Once a scholarship has been awarded, it will be reviewed annually by the school's Music Department. This review will be based upon the progress made by the student and on their participation in the musical life of the school (see *Music Scholarship Duties*, attached).

Guidelines and Additional Information:

- The selection process will comprise three phases:
 1. An Application Form to be returned to Sandford Park School by 25th September 2025.
 2. The school will require a short video of the applicant performing two pieces; these must be submitted with the application. We would recommend using WeTransfer or an unlisted YouTube link to submit performances.
 3. A selection of candidates will be asked in the first week of October to attend a further audition in the school on 16th October.
- Those applying for a music scholarship should have reached, at a minimum, Associated Board Grade 3 standard or equivalent in the instrument(s) being presented for audition.
- The audition will involve a performance, a sight-reading test, an aural test, and a general interview.
- The audition panel will be comprised of the school's Head of Music and Principal.
- Two contrasting pieces should be performed for the recorded submission/audition. If a student is presenting more than one instrument for the recorded submission/audition, one piece on each instrument is sufficient.
- Where possible, copies of music being performed at the audition should be provided for the audition panel.

- If required, students are expected to provide their own accompanist or backing track for the audition.
- A personal statement, written by the candidate, must be completed using the headings outlined in the application form.

Sandford Park School Music Scholarship Duties

The following is expected of those awarded the Music Scholarship:

- To perform in at least two music ensembles at school and to participate in any solo or ensemble activity requested.
- To practise regularly and to maintain progress in their instrument/s.
- To maintain an exemplary work record in Music class and to maintain their studies in all subject areas to a high level.
- To choose Music as a subject at Junior Cycle.
- To choose Music as a Leaving Certificate subject, unless doing so would result in the student not being able to choose a subject essential for their chosen third-level course.
- To perform at assembly as requested.
- To be an ambassador for Sandford Park School at all times. This includes being available at Open Days and other school events.
- To perform at all school concerts as required and to attend the rehearsals that this entails. In the event of a clash with external engagements, scholarship holders are expected to give priority to school activities, except where the Head of Music agrees otherwise.
- To account for their musical contribution at appraisals held during the academic year.
- To uphold the school's Code of Behaviour in full.

Sandford Park School
Music Scholarship 2026
Application Form



Name of pupil _____

Male: ☐ Female: ☐

Address _____

Telephone No. _____

Email _____

Date of Birth _____

Present School _____

School Address _____

Name of Principal _____

Signed by candidate _____

Signed by Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

€40.00 ENTRANCE FEE TO ACCOMPANY APPLICATION FORM

Payment can be made by Electronic Funds Transfer to the Sandford Park School bank account at AIB, Westmoreland Street, Dublin 2 (IBAN number: IE52 AIBK [9312 2540 6490 92](#) SWIFT/BIC code: AIBKIE2D), by using the Easy Payment Plus facility accessed through the Sandford Park School website or by cheque made out to Sandford Park School and addressed to the Bursar.

Please email this application and performance video to
admissions@sandfordparkschool.ie

by 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 25th September 2025.

Personal Statement

The following section should be completed by the candidate.

1. Instruments played and those being presented for the audition.

2. Grades/levels achieved in the instruments outlined above. The examination board should also be included.

3. Participation in competitions/festivals.

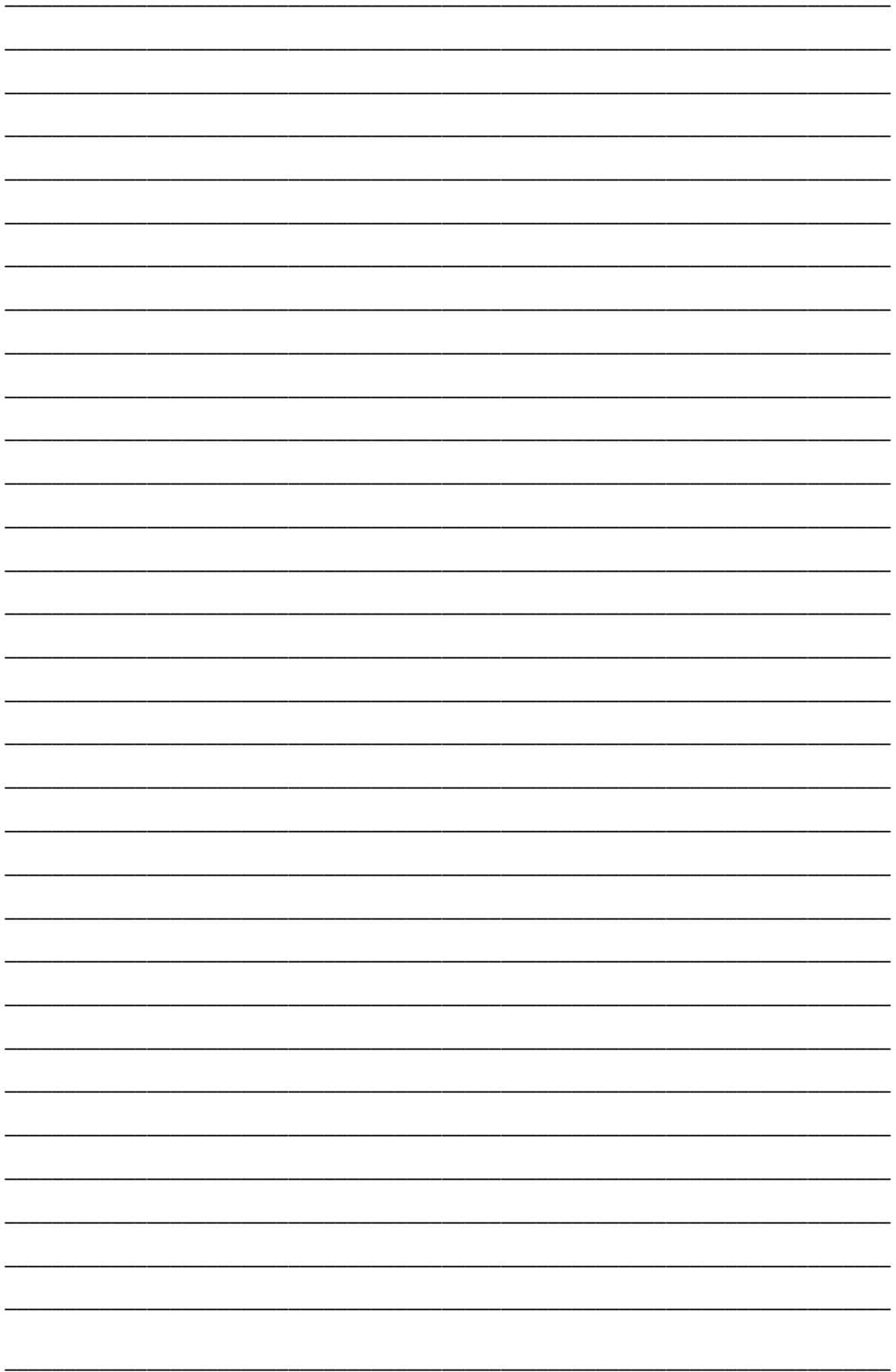
4. Participation in music ensembles.

5. Time spent practising.

6. Other hobbies or interests.

7. What contribution do you think you could make to Music in Sandford Park School?

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Music Scholarship Application Checklist

This checklist is to assist with the application process and to ensure all the necessary documentation has been included.

1. Music Scholarship Application Form

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2. Performance Video

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3. Recent Music Examination Grade Certificates and Results Sheets

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4. Recent School Report

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5. Fee - €40

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