

# 2026 ENTRY SUPPORTED APPLICATION SCHEME INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

## Step One – Eligibility

To be eligible for the 2026 Supported Application Scheme, you **must**:

- have no previous experience of university\*
- be applying for a Guildhall School undergraduate programme.
- be UK-Domiciled and a resident of the UK, or have evidence that you have leave to remain as an asylum seeker or refugee.

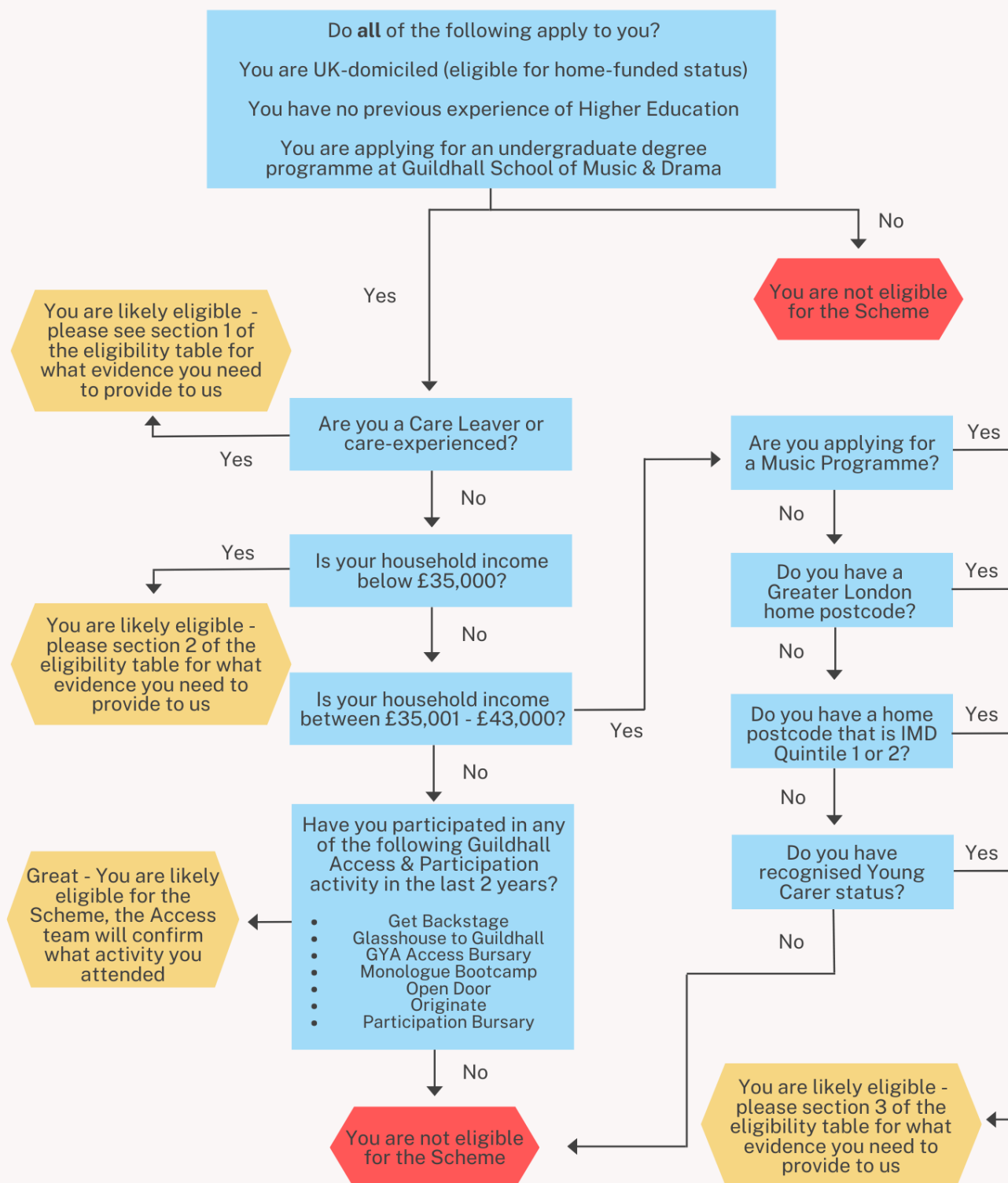
*\*if you had started a university course, but completed less than one year of this, please contact the Access and Participation Team to discuss. Level 4 foundation programmes are exempt from this.*

You **must also meet at least one** of the following criteria:

- A) You are a Care Leaver or care-experienced person.
- B) Your household income is £35,000 or below.
- C) Your household income is between £35,001 - £43,000 and one of the following also applies to you:
  - You are applying for a Music degree programme.
  - You have a Greater London postcode.
  - You have a home postcode classified as Quintile 1 or 2 in the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) Government dataset ([visit the IMD website to find out](#), result is in a downloadable spreadsheet, found in column F).
  - You have recognised Young Carer status.
- D) You have participated in Guildhall Access & Participation activity in the last 2 years. This includes:
  - Get Backstage
  - Glasshouse to Guildhall
  - GYA Access Bursary
  - Monologue Bootcamp
  - Open Door
  - Originate
  - Participation Bursary

We have created an infographic on the next page to help you understand whether you are eligible.

# ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR THE SUPPORTED APPLICATION SCHEME?



## Evidence of Eligibility

Supported Application Scheme eligibility table			
1) You are a Care Leaver or care-experienced.	2) Your household income is £35,000 or below.	3) Your household income is £35,001-£43,000.	4) You have participated in Guildhall Access and Participation activity in the last 2 years.
You meet this criteria if you have spent any time under the care of a Local Authority or social worker during your childhood.	You do not need to meet any additional criteria if you meet this criteria.	<p>You <b>MUST</b> also meet <b>ONE</b> of the following secondary criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You are applying to a Music degree programme</li> <li>You have a Greater London home postcode</li> <li>You have a home postcode that is IMD Quintile 1 or 2</li> <li>You have recognised Young Carer status</li> </ul>	<p>Activity includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Get Backstage</li> <li>Glasshouse to Guildhall</li> <li>GYA Access Bursary</li> <li>Monologue Bootcamp</li> <li>Open Door</li> <li>Originate</li> <li>Participation Bursary</li> </ul>
<p><b>Evidence</b></p> <p>If you're a Care Leaver, you should ask your Personal Advisor to confirm that you're a statutory Care Leaver. If you don't have a Personal Advisor, you can contact the Duty Social Worker within the local authority where you spent time in care.</p> <p>If you are care-experienced, you need to provide a letter on headed paper from the local authority where you spent time in care which confirms this.</p>	<p><b>Evidence</b></p> <p>A copy of a recent letter that outlines entitlement to an income-assessed benefit. Please ensure that this letter also contains your home address.</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>A copy of a P60(s) that demonstrates that household income is below £35k per year.</p>	<p><b>Evidence</b></p> <p>A copy of a P60(s) that demonstrates that household income is between £35,001 -£43,000 per year.</p> <p><b>And</b> proof of your address if your secondary criteria is related to your home postcode, <b>OR</b> proof of your Young Carer status. This can be a letter from a professional verifying your caring role, such as a doctor, teacher, or social worker, or support worker from a Young Carers organisation.</p>	<p><b>Evidence</b></p> <p>You are not required to provide evidence of your participation in another project as the Access and Participation team will be able to check activity records. If it has been more than 2 years since you participated in another project, please refer to the first three criteria to determine your eligibility for the Scheme.</p>

## Step Two - Application

Your application should be submitted via the application form found on the webpages, or [HERE](#).

The deadline for applying to the Supported Application Scheme is dependent on the undergraduate course you are applying to:

Programme/pathway	Deadline for receipt of applications to the Supported Application Scheme (midday)
BMus Classical and Jazz	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2025
BMus Electronic & Produced Music	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025
BA Acting	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
BA Production Arts - Costume	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
BA Production Arts – Design Realisation	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
BA Production Arts – Stage Management	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
BA Production Arts – Theatre Technology	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
BA Performance Design	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2026

Evidence must be uploaded at the point of application, or you can email this directly to [access@gsmd.ac.uk](mailto:access@gsmd.ac.uk). Your application cannot be processed until evidence is provided.

- Once your application for the Supported Application Scheme has been received and processed, you will receive an email from the Access and Participation Team to let you know if you have been offered a place, and your free application link. Please add [access@gsmd.ac.uk](mailto:access@gsmd.ac.uk) to your email contact list, to prevent this email going into any junk folders.

## Step Three – Unique link to the online application

- If you are accepted on the Supported Application Scheme, you will be sent a **unique login link** to the online application form for the undergraduate programme.
- Please do not share this link with anyone else as it may make your application invalid. *Additionally, anyone who uses a free application link who has not been accepted onto the Supported Application Scheme will have their application cancelled.*
- Do not use any link to the online course application other than the unique link you have been sent. If you use the link on the 'How to Apply' page on the website, you will be creating a new application that requires payment in order to be submitted.
- Please do not submit an application to an undergraduate programme until you have received your unique login link – **we cannot reimburse application fees** once they have been paid. If you do pay for your application, you can still be part of the Supported Application Scheme if eligible, you will just miss out on the free application.

## Step Four – Your Undergraduate application

- Click on the link you have been sent to start your application. You should save this email as you will

need to always use this unique link to access your application again.

- If you do not have easy access to a computer or the internet, or if you would like more advice on completing the form, please get in touch with the Access and Participation team.
- Please remember that acceptance onto the Supported Application Scheme is **not** an application to the undergraduate programme – **you must complete your application by the published deadlines**. Any Supported Application Scheme participant who has not completed their application by the relevant deadline will be removed from the Scheme, and the free application will no longer be valid.

Undergraduate programme application deadlines:

<b>Programme/pathway</b>	<b>Advertised deadline (4.30pm)</b>
BMus Classical and Jazz	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025
BMus Electronic & Produced Music	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
BA Acting	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
BA Production Arts - Costume	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
BA Production Arts – Design Realisation	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
BA Production Arts – Stage Management	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
BA Production Arts – Theatre Technology	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
BA Performance Design	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2026

### Contact

If you have any questions, please contact:

#### **Access and Participation team**

Email: [access@gsmd.ac.uk](mailto:access@gsmd.ac.uk)

Telephone: 020 3375 1914 **OR** 020 3834 1732

We can also be contacted on the School's [Chat to Guildhall](#) page.

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