



Bursary Scheme Terms and Conditions

These terms and conditions are related to the bursary scheme that the community ensemble, “United Singers”, operates in order to make the set membership fees affordable to those members whose financial situations do not allow the fees to be settled under normal circumstances.

1. Eligibility

1.1 There are no specific criteria that applicant members need to meet in order to benefit from the United Singers’ bursary scheme except to make a request, in confidence, to one of the designated members of the United Singers Committee.

1.1.1 A formal conversation involving the applicant and three designated committee members will be required to give the applicant the opportunity to give the reasons for the request and for the level of bursary given to be agreed upon.

1.2 The designated members of the United Singers Committee be the Director of Music, the Treasurer and one other elected committee member.

2. Bursary Awards

2.1 Applicants will be allocated an award level corresponding to Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze in response to the conversation held with members of the committee (see 1.1.1).

2.1.1 The decision of the committee, with regard to the level of a bursary award, is final and no appeals can be made.

2.2 The awards will be as follows:

- **Platinum** : The applicant will be awarded an 80% bursary; the applicant need only meet 20% of the membership fee for the term in which the application is made.
- **Gold** : The applicant will be awarded an 60% bursary; the applicant need only meet 40% of the membership fee for the term in which the application is made.
- **Silver** : The applicant will be awarded an 40% bursary; the applicant need only meet 60% of the membership fee for the term in which the application is made.
- **Bronze** : The applicant will be awarded an 30% bursary; the applicant need only meet 70% of the membership fee for the term in which the application is made.

2.3 The following table of fees shall apply to successful applicants, whereby the Award is the amount that United Singers will contribute to the applicant’s membership fee. Successful applicants will be required to pay the deficit.

Membership:	Full		Mature		Couple <i>(Individually)</i>		Student	
Level:	<i>Original</i>	Award	<i>Original</i>	Award	<i>Original</i>	Award	<i>Original</i>	Award
Platinum	<i>£10.00</i>	£8.00	<i>£9.00</i>	£7.20	<i>£8.00</i>	£6.40	<i>£5.00</i>	£4.00
Gold	<i>£10.00</i>	£6.00	<i>£9.00</i>	£5.40	<i>£8.00</i>	£4.80	<i>£5.00</i>	£3.00
Silver	<i>£10.00</i>	£4.00	<i>£9.00</i>	£3.60	<i>£8.00</i>	£3.20	<i>£5.00</i>	£2.00
Bronze	<i>£10.00</i>	£3.00	<i>£9.00</i>	£2.70	<i>£8.00</i>	£2.40	<i>£5.00</i>	£1.50

- 2.4 Bursary Awards will be given out on a termly basis. Bursary awards shall not automatically continue into a new term: it is the responsibility of any applicant to reapply at the start of each term.

3. **Accumulation and Care of Bursary Funds**

- 3.1 Donations to the bursary scheme is open to all members of the choir, who are invited to contribute at the start of each term as an addition to the payment of their own membership fees. Donators may also contribute an annual sum if preferred.
- 3.1.1 Donations, at the end of the academic year, may either be returned to donators or donated further to charity (the choice of which is at the committee's discretion) or kept in the bursary fund as a contribution to the following year's scheme.
- 3.2 Donations are recorded separately from the income received from membership fees. In this way the donations received shall never be used as funds for settling expenses.
- 3.3 Account records of the bursary fund shall be made available, upon request, at the start and conclusion of each term to the general membership.