



OPEN CALL
Blas International Summer School for Traditional Irish Music and Dance Bursary
Award Guidelines 2023
REF: BURS23

Taking place from 19th – 30th June 2023

1. Timeline

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 5pm, Wednesday 31st May 2023

2. Introduction

Limerick Arts Office, Limerick City and County Council, is offering one bursary to attend the **Blas International Summer School for Traditional Irish Music and Dance** at the University of Limerick. This bursary will cover 1 weeks tuition (lectures, workshop, assessment and attendance at all concerts), to the value of €380. The purpose of these bursaries are to support professional development.

The Blas International Summer School 2023 will take place from 19th – 30th June. Blas provides young performers aged 16+ with the opportunity to train with leading professionals during a summer course.

For further details on the Blas International Summer School 2023 programme, please see:
<http://www.blas.ie/>

3. Eligibility

- Applicants must be over 16 years of age by June 1st 2023.
- Applicants under the age of 18 years must ensure a parent/guardian signs the application.
- Applicants must be resident in the Limerick City and County Council administrative area and be able to demonstrate this in their application, and must not be in receipt of a bursary towards this event from any other Local Authority.
- Awards will only be offered to applicants who have achieved intermediate proficiency in their chosen area.

4. Assessment

This is a competitive scheme. Upon receipt of your application, we will send an acknowledgement email to confirm that we received it. If you do not receive an email within 1 working day (Monday-Friday) please get in touch with us on 061 556370, line is open Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm.

Successful applicants will receive in writing a Letter of Offer, which will outline the specific terms of the grant offer. Unsuccessful applications will receive notice of the outcome of their application.

Grant aid is awarded according to the Limerick Cultural Strategy: A Framework 2016-2030 and The Arts Council Making Great Art Work: Strategy 2016-2025.

5. Criteria for assessment and marking scheme

Applications are assessed in a competitive context and with consideration of the application form and the supporting material submitted. All applications are assessed against criteria of:

Criteria	Marks	Basis for assessment
A. Overall quality of the proposal	15	Application form and supporting materials
B. Impact: Providing professional development (30 marks total) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The significance of the proposal to the musical development of the applicant • Promoting the highest standards in creativity and excellence 	15 15	Application form: Section 2 Question 2
C. Applicants track record and relevant experience The potential of the applicant demonstrated through the application form, samples of work and CVs if applicable	40	Application form: Section 3 Supporting material: Samples of work and CV
D. Demonstrable need	15	Application form: Section 4
Total	100	

What supporting materials must you submit with your application?

- **ALL applicants must submit up to 3 good examples of their work**, such as sound files and images, URL links to video recordings/sound/media files, etc. (Please, remember to include passwords for password protected files); Submit examples that best represent your current practice.
- **Post-secondary school applicants must submit a musical/dance CV. CV should be no longer than 3 A4 pages.** No CV is required for those who are in Secondary education, or are taking the Leaving Cert in 2022.

6. Guidelines for completing the application

- Read the Guidelines thoroughly. By reading and understanding the Guidelines, you give yourself the best chance of being funded.
- Read all questions thoroughly. Keep your answers clear, concise and to the point. Avoid repetition.
- Each section and requested supporting material items are related to specific marking criteria, make sure that you provide members of the assessment panel with relevant information that will allow them to evaluate your proposal and assign marks for each section.

- Do not assume the members of the assessment panel will know you or your work – make sure that in the application form and in the supporting material, you clearly communicate. It is a good idea to ask someone to read through your application and help identify any pieces of information that need clarification.
- Remember that your application is assessed on the basis of the information supplied, within a competitive context of many other applications.
- Ensure that you enclose all requested documentation.

For any queries on submitting your bursary application to Limerick Arts Office please contact us on:
Phone: 061 556370 Email: artsoffice@limerick.ie

7. Submitting your application

Technical Requirements:

- 1) E-mailed images and files may be submitted at a **maximum of 3 MB each** and a **maximum of 18MB in total.**
- 2) Acceptable document formats are: .doc, .pdf and .jpg
- 3) For video and sound files, include links to online content only, in a word document. Please remember to include passwords for password protected content.
- 4) Please, note that LCCC IT systems are not compatible with files specific to Apple MAC.

Limerick City and County Council will not take responsibility for emailed applications undelivered due to non-compliance with the technical requirements listed above.

Applications are accepted by e-mail. Return completed applications and supporting documentation by email to:

artsofficesubmissions@limerick.ie

Please include the following reference in the e-mail subject line:

BURS23BLAS Applicant's Name

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Limerick Arts Office phone number: 061 556370 (line open Mon – Fri, 9am-5pm).

YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE INVALID IF YOU DO NOT:

- **Submit a fully completed application form;**
- **Submit all requested documentation with your application form;**
- **Submit your application by the deadline of 5pm, Wednesday 31st May 2023**

Appendix 1.

Terms and Conditions of the Award

- This is a non-residential bursary; all travel and/or accommodation needed are the

responsibility of the successful applicant.

- The bursary will be used towards tuition and will be paid directly to Blas International Summer School.
- Successful candidates will be asked to provide a written report to the Limerick Arts Office on completion of the project.

Appendix 2

1. Freedom of Information Statement:

Limerick City and County Council is covered by Freedom of Information Act 2014, which provides members of the public with the rights to access information held by public bodies to the greatest extent possible, consistent with the public interest and right to privacy. This means that details contained in applications and supporting documents may, on request, be released to third parties.

2. Privacy (General Data Protection Regulation G.D.P.R.)

Any personal information you give us will be processed, stored and managed in strict accordance with General Data Protection Regulations.

The purpose for processing your data is to process your application for a Summer School Bursary in line with the criteria of this award. The information you provide will be assessed by an Assessment Panel. Your information will be retained in accordance with council policy and the National Retention policy. If you do not furnish the personal data requested, Limerick City and County Council will not be able to process your application.

You have the following rights, in certain circumstances and subject to applicable exemptions, in relation to your personal data:

- the right to access the personal data that we hold about you, together with other information about our processing of that personal data
- the right to require us to rectify any inaccuracies in your personal data
- the right to require us to erase your personal data
- the right to request that we no longer process your personal data for particular purposes
- the right to object to our use of your personal data or the way in which we process it

Please note that to help protect your privacy, we take steps to verify your identity before granting access to personal data.

If you would like to exercise any of these rights, please submit a request to our Data Protection Officer outlining the specific details of the request: Email: dataprotectionofficer@limerick.ie All valid requests will be processed without undue delay and in any event within one month of receipt of the request. This period may be extended by up to two further months where necessary.