



Aylesbury Vale Arts Council

Registered Charity Number: 265833

Youth Bursary Guidelines

About AVAC

The Aylesbury Vale Arts Council is a registered charity committed to the support and development of the arts in Aylesbury Vale. It fulfils three key objectives:

- To offer financial support to organisations and individuals committed to the development of arts projects for the benefit of people living in Aylesbury Vale.
- To provide information about opportunities to become involved in the arts in the Aylesbury Vale area.
- To provide a forum for discussion of arts related issues and a voice for the arts in the Aylesbury Vale area.

The Aylesbury Vale Arts Council is an independent organisation but receives financial support from Aylesbury Vale District Council.

This guide describes:

- Who can apply
- What you can apply for
- What you can't apply for
- How much you can apply for
- How to apply
- How applications are assessed
- Help with the application form
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Who can apply

- Applicants must be a permanent resident within the Aylesbury Vale District
- Applicants must be aged between 13 - 19 at the time the activity/course is due to take place
- Applicants must demonstrate that they have a keen interest, enthusiasm and talent in an art form

What you can apply for

You can apply for financial help towards:

- Attending short courses
- One off workshops
- Residences
- Arts equipment in exceptional circumstances
- Or other initiatives

What you can't apply for

- Fees relating to full-time or long term education/courses
- Regular training or lessons, including regular out of school lessons
- Non arts related activities

How much can you apply for

The amount awarded rarely exceeds £300 however each application will be assessed on its own merits.

How to apply

Simply complete the application form and submit it by one of the three annual funding deadlines: - 1st January, 1st May and 1st October.

Your application will be assessed by an advisory panel and the Executive Committee will then decide what help, if any, should be given. Applications can take between 6 and 8 weeks to process after the application deadline.

How applications are assessed

A member of our advisory panel may contact you to discuss details of your application before the Executive Committee meets to make a decision on your application.

The Committee are looking for applications which clearly show the benefits the funded course/activity will provide. Benefits may include:

- skills development
- artistic development
- a new experience
- value to the local community
- experiencing new cultures

Particular consideration will be given to applicants:

- who have not received funding before
- who are from low income families

Help with the application form

Referees

You will need to find two people to support your application as referees. These could be your teacher, youth leader or any person that knows your work and ability. At least one referee must be connected to the art form to which your application relates, but neither should be a parent/guardian or the person running the course. Both referees may be contacted by an AVAC Panel member to discuss your application.

Parent/Guardian support

If you are under 16 at the time of your application please ask your parent/guardian to complete this section of your form.

Further information and help

If you have any questions or would like to talk about your application contact our Administrator on 01296 585310 or at avac@aylesburyvaleartscouncil.org.uk.

Addresses

Please complete and return this form to:

The Arts Administrator
Aylesbury Vale Arts Council
c/o AVDC
The Gateway
Gatehouse Road
Aylesbury
HP19 8FF

Or email your completed form to:

avac@aylesburyvaleartscouncil.org.uk