

The Ruth Felton Music Awards 2026

Provided by the Woking Young Musicians Trust
in memory of Ruth Felton

Objectives

The awards are meant for young students who show musical promise, potential for development and enthusiasm. Up to £300 can be awarded and the Trust is particularly keen to help students needing financial support.

Qualification requirements

The applicant must have been between 6 and 11 years on 31st December 2025 and either resident or receiving an education in the Woking area i.e., within approximately 8 miles of Woking station. This area is defined by postcodes*. We regret that this excludes students attending music lessons in the defined area but not otherwise educated or resident within the defined area.

The applicant can either be attending an educational establishment or be home schooled within the defined area.

Application Procedure

An application on behalf of a student should be made by a teacher who has a good knowledge of the student's abilities and who considers these meet the objectives of the award as stated above.

An application form is available on the Woking Young Musicians Trust website for download. It is important that details of the intended use of an award are provided on the form e.g., lessons given by an established music teacher, attendance at a music school or workshop, purchase or rental of an instrument, etc.

Please indicate the names and email addresses of a parent and a music or school teacher in the spaces provided on the application form.

The application form should be downloaded, saved and sent **as an email attachment** to Jivebunny@talk21.com to arrive by Friday, 27th February 2026.

If preferred, the [Application Form](#) may be completed neatly by hand and sent by post to the following address: Woking Young Musicians Trust, Silchester, 184 Goldsworth Road, Woking GU21 6NF. Postal applications must be received by Friday, 27th February 2026.

The Trustees will review the application forms and advise candidates if they will be asked to audition. This will take the form of a 'student friendly' arrangement on Friday, 27th March 2026 at St. Peter's Church, Old Woking, when a performance of up to 5 minutes in length is expected before a small number of the Trustees.

Candidates will be notified of the result of their audition as soon as possible.

An award can have any value up to £300 and the Trustees' decision on whether to make an award or not will be final.

Successful candidates are required to keep the Trustees informed about the use of their award and will be asked for proof of use. Awards are expected to be used within 1 year of award date. If the award is misspent or not spent within the year, the Trust reserves the right to require the amount to be refunded.

A ceremony for recipients of the Trust's main awards will be held in St. Peter's Church, Old Woking on Sunday, 31st May 2026. Recipients of a Ruth Felton Bursary will be encouraged to give a short performance if they wish.

***Qualifying postcodes:**

GU1, GU2, GU3, GU4, GU15, GU16, GU18, GU19, GU20, GU21, GU22, GU23, GU24, GU25, KT11, KT12, KT13, KT14, KT15, KT16, KT24, SL5, TW17, TW20