



TRAVEL SUBSIDY POLICY

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MFY can provide financial assistance to support travel costs for groups to participate in our season. The financial assistance offered by MFY is prioritised based on need, which needs to be evidenced, in line with the criteria below, at application stage.

The aim of this policy is to address financial barriers for participating groups who would not otherwise be able to take part in the MFY Season. This policy prioritises financial support, based on evidence of need, to groups that experience challenging circumstances e.g. groups from areas where suitable and affordable transportation is difficult to source.

We also aim to encourage groups who have never participated in the MFY season before.

THE MFY SEASON

MFY aims to offer financial assistance to groups who perform in any event in our core season, subject to evidence of need and funding available. This policy relates to all groups that take part in the Regional Festival Series; perform on the main stages and Fringe stages at our National Festival; and perform in our showcase concerts and events e.g. Primary Proms, Music for Youth Proms, Frequencies and Exchange.

CRITERIA

Any group can apply for a Travel Subsidy. However, not all those that apply will be granted a subsidy and priority will be given to groups that fall into one or more of the following categories:

School Groups

- Schools where 50% or more pupils are in receipt of free school meals.
- Schools achieving less than 40% A-C grades at GCSE.
- Primary schools achieving 10% below the LEA target for English and Maths at KS2.
- Schools that have not taken part in the MFY season before.
- Schools that reside in hard to reach areas or rural isolation.

Other Groups

- Young people at risk from exclusion.
- Those in care or about to leave care.
- Those from low income families.
- People with physical or educational special needs.
- Young people who are underachieving.
- Groups that have not taken part in the MFY season before.
- Young person led groups.
- Groups that come from hard to reach areas or rural isolation.

If you can demonstrate that your school/group is eligible as per the criteria above, MFY may be able to award up to 30% of travel costs.