

General Bursaries Academic Year 17/18 (September 17 – July 18)

Classes Eligible:

Saturday School

National Theatre Connections

MYDC

**Others at MTA discretion*

Criteria

Existing Students	New Students
Lewisham or surrounding borough resident	
Evidence of financial need or referral from authorised body such as Social services/charities/NGOs *	
Aged 8 or over	
Evidence of talent, commitment, enthusiasm and personal growth	Evidence of talent, commitment and enthusiasm

** Evidence of financial/social need (if not already provided via online application)*

i) Parent receives JSA/Working tax credit/ DLA or other government assistance

ii) Child is eligible for free school dinners

iii) Proven child is 'at risk' including: young carer, foster care or other advice from recognised organisations

Application:

Applications welcome from all those that meet the above criteria, via form on our website.

Assessment:

Short initial interview with both parent/guardian and child (if appropriate)

Audition (this may be scheduled during the interview or later):

Singing: Sing a song in the interview (a-capella or to backing track).

Drama: Recite a poem, monologue or nursery rhyme (depending on age/educational level).

They may also be invited to take part in a free drama class for YPM/teacher assessment.

Dance: Participate in a relevant dance class for YPM/teacher assessment.

General review from MTA staff (if a current student)

Benefits:

Membership to MTA at no cost

Access to high-quality performing arts training

Free MTA Tshirt

Support and advice from industry professionals

Additional support when auditioning for further/higher and vocational training

Heavily Discounted or free tickets to West End productions throughout the year (subject to availability)

Workshops with our partner organisation the National Theatre's Learning Programme (subject to availability)

Expectations (to retain bursary):

Good behaviour in class.

Strong interest in doing the course/enthusiasm/dedication

Full attendance (barring sickness).

Ongoing recommendation from local authority/social services/charity/NGO (if applicable)

Good communication with parent/guardian – they should be easily contactable/responsive.

Timekeeping

Participation in all associated events/performances

Uniform to be worn (t-shirt will be supplied)

Participation in youth committee if needed for those 11+

Consultation with Montage Management re vocational applications/other performances – before the event

Evidence of progress – teacher and YPM evaluation

Positive ongoing assessment regarding development from MTA staff

Anonymous feedback from student and parent to use for marketing purposes, correspondence with funders and to report to board.

TIMELINE:

1st June 2017- Applications open for 2017/2018 bursaries.

Current bursary recipients must reapply by 15th July 2017

New bursary applications must apply by the 31st of July 2017

Current bursary recipients will be notified by the 31st July 2017 (either confirmation or invited to interview/audition again)

Bursary application interviews will be scheduled between 1st-10th September 2017 and, if needed, invitations to classes will occur in the weeks 11th – 23rd September 2017.

Additional Notes:**English as a second language:**

it will depend on whether MTA feel students can be properly included or whether it is better to wait until their main schooling has taken their English to the requisite level.

SEND students:

Assessed by the YPM/GM and teachers to establish that their needs can be supported within classes, and will not cause unmanageable disruption.