

Supported Application Fee Scheme



Introduction

The Oxford School of Drama is committed to promoting inclusivity in the arts and is working proactively towards greater diversity in the range of actors training for the profession.

Our Supported Application Fee Scheme aims to ensure fairer access by offering a free audition place to eligible applicants who aspire to train at drama school.

We are able to offer 100 Supported Application Fee waivers.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Supported Application Fee Scheme, you must meet all of the criteria listed below:

- You are serious about becoming a professional actor through drama training
- You are resident in the UK
- You are aged 18+
- You are new to higher education
- You live in a household with a gross annual income of below £33,000

In addition to the essential criteria listed above, you must also meet at least one of the criteria below:

- You live in a household with a gross annual income of below £25,000
- You are from a Black, Asian or minority ethnic background
- You have a declared disability
- You will be considered to be a care leaver when you begin your training
A Recent Care Leaver is defined as a young person aged 16-25 years old, who has been in local authority care for a period of at least 13 weeks in the last 5 years.
- You are an estranged student (i.e. you are not supported by a family)
Estrangement is defined as having no contact with your parent(s) during the last 12 months and the possibility of having a relationship with your parent(s) again is very unlikely.

How to Apply

Complete the online audition application form and upload your audition video

- At the payment stage, save your application, but do not pay
- Fill out the Supported Application Fee Scheme form, which is downloadable as a PDF document on our website
- E-mail the Supported Application Fee Scheme form, with copies (please do not send originals) of your supporting documents, as proof of eligibility, to auditions@oxforddrama.ac.uk
- Please put "Supported Application Fee Scheme" in the e-mail subject line.
- Your Supported Application Fee Scheme Form and relevant supporting documents will be assessed by the Admissions Administrator.
- You will be notified by e-mail of the decision as soon as possible.

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- If you meet the eligibility criteria, the Admissions Administrator will apply the audition fee waiver and your online audition application will be processed.
- If you do not meet the eligibility criteria, you will be required to pay the application fee.
- Please do not pay for your audition until you have received the decision in relation to your fee waiver. Audition fees already paid online cannot be refunded.
- You should allow up to 4 weeks for us to get back to you regarding the outcome of your First Round audition.
- Please make sure that you also check your Spam folder for any correspondence from the School.

If you are applying on the basis of household income, any of the following may be used as proof of eligibility:

- P60 for the previous tax year
If you are financially independent of your parent(s)/guardian(s), please send a copy of your P60. If you are supported by one/two parents/guardians, please send us copies of their P60(s).
- SA302 Tax Calculation form
- Confirmation of income-related benefit payments (e.g. Jobseeker's Allowance, Universal Credit, Income Support)

If you are applying as an estranged student or a recent care leaver, please provide a statement from an independent person with good standing in the community, that has known you for a substantial period of time and is not a relative or family friend. It might be a teacher, social worker or doctor.

Make sure that your statement from an independent person is on headed paper where possible, and that it includes a telephone number so the person can be contacted.

Stand Alone is a charity that provides support to estranged students in higher education. Please go to <https://www.standalone.org.uk/students/> for additional information.

If you have a declared disability, please provide a letter or document from a medical professional.

If you are eligible to apply for the Supported Application Fee Scheme, please be reassured that any information you provide will be treated in the strictest confidence and only viewed by the Admissions Administrator; the panel will not be made aware that you have applied for the Scheme.

We are unable to consider fee waiver requests received after your audition has been viewed by the panel and you have been notified of the outcome.

Please note that we are only able to offer one free audition per applicant per academic year.