

Audition Fee Waiver Scheme Policy

1.0 Introduction

In this policy, EDA will be used to cover the Emil Dale Academy studios, all full-time courses and anyone auditioning and/or considering to audition for them at Emil Dale Academy.

1.1 Purpose

EDA is dedicated to widening participation within the industry and ensuring fair access to private sector education, regardless of a person's background.

In support of this, an audition fee waiver scheme has been created to encourage applications from talented candidates who are deterred from applying by financial barriers. The audition fee waiver scheme at EDA aims to encourage applications from groups who are currently underrepresented in UK private sector training.

1.2 Location of Policy

This policy is available to access on EDA's website.

1.3 To whom and where this policy applies

This policy applies to any person who is auditioning or considering auditioning for an EDA full-time course.

2.0 Policy

2.1 Eligibility

In order to be considered for an audition fee waiver, EDA applicants should meet all of the following criteria:

- a. Be a permanent resident in the United Kingdom
- b. Have an annual household income equal to or below the eligibility threshold set by the Student Loans Company for a full student maintenance fee loan. This is currently £25,000 per year.
- c. Be the applicants first audition at Emil Dale Academy

Requests will also be considered from applicants who are estranged from their families or who are leaving residential care; evidence will need to be provided to accept this.

2.2 How to request an audition fee waiver

1. Check that you meet the above criteria.
2. Email admissions@emildale.co.uk with 'Audition Fee Waiver Application' as your email subject.
3. Attach documentary evidence of your finances. Information provided will be treated in confidence and will only be viewed by staff processing the request.
 - a. Examples of acceptable documents include but are not limited to:
 - i. Jobseekers allowance
 - ii. Income support
 - iii. Housing benefit
 - iv. Working Tax Credits, Child Tax or Universal Credit
 - v. Personal Independence Payments (PIPs)
 - vi. Full-time carers allowance
4. Alongside documentary evidence, please provide a brief text-based explanation of your household financial situation.
5. If you are applying as an estranged student, attach documentary evidence of your status if possible. Information provided will be treated in confidence and will only be viewed by staff processing the request.
6. You will be notified via email if a fee waiver has been granted.

2.3 The Audition Fee Waiver Scheme

Should an applicant be granted an audition fee waiver, they will be invited to send in a virtual video audition for their first round. This will be free of charge. If successful in this first round, applicants will be invited to attend a second round recall audition at EDA. This will also be free of charge.

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