Bursary Scheme Information

The Crowborough Choral Society is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with a commitment to public education in choral music. The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings between 5.30 and 7 pm at the Crowborough Community Centre in Pine Grove. This bursary scheme offers financial support over the course of a year for people who are not currently members of the Crowborough Choral Society, to develop skill in, and enjoyment of, choral singing. This will be achieved through individual singing tuition together with joining CCS and engaging in rehearsals and performance with the choir. The scheme is primarily aimed at adults in the 18-35 year age group, but all members of the public over the age of 18 years, living in the Crowborough area (within circa 15km of Crowborough Cross) will be considered.

The bursary

If you apply and are successful you will be provided with financial support for one year that will cover:

- The subscription to the CCS for one year (a subscription waiver);
- The costs of supplying all music for the year;
- Funding of singing lessons up to the value of £250 from an approved singing teacher, paid on invoice to the CCS directly to the teacher;
- Possible additional developmental activities, if approved by the Trustees and Musical Director;
- Access to all social activities of the CCS at no cost;
- A 50% subscription waiver of choral society fees in the second year of membership (currently with a value of £57.50).

We hope to recruit 4-6 applicants through this scheme each year. However the number selected each year will take account of the funds available as well as the need to keep a balance between the voice parts in the choir. *Currently we are particularly looking for new members in alto, tenor and bass voice parts, and while all applications will be considered, applications in these areas are being prioritised for the time being.* If the scheme is over-subscribed, a waiting list will operate.

If you are successful you will agree to:

- Attend a minimum of 80% of rehearsals each term (usually Wednesday evenings 7.45 – 9.45 pm and on average 10 per term) and during the day of

the concert, plus any additional pre-concert rehearsals called by the Musical Director, unless dispensation is given by the Musical Director.
- Sing in the concerts given by CCS during the year, unless dispensation is given by the Musical Director.
- Act as an ambassador for the CCS at events by arrangement.
- Sign a letter of understanding jointly with the CCS which sets out the responsibilities of both parties.

Selection

The selection process will be as friendly and informal as possible. We are looking for people who can benefit from the bursary opportunity to develop their ability to sing in a choral society. You will be asked to complete a short application form, be invited to a rehearsal and buddied with an existing member of the choir for the evening. After the rehearsal you will meet the Musical Director for an informal discussion. Final decisions and the offer of bursaries will be made by the Public Engagement Programme Committee on behalf of the Trustees.

What do I do next?

1. Read the information about the scheme you can access through the web page at www.crowboroughchoral.com/join-us

2. Select the date that you wish to attend a rehearsal. You will need to add this to your application.

3. Complete and submit the application. You will receive confirmation that your submission has been successful.

4. After the closing date you will receive confirmation of the date when you are invited to attend a rehearsal, meet the musical director, and have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

We do hope you are interested in this scheme and look forward to receiving your completed application.