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Search for Talented Young People

There's just one week to go to for entry into the 2005 Centenary Grants Scheme. This annual awards scheme was launched in 1984 to celebrate the Borough's Centenary by giving financial help to talented young people.

Last year 70 applications were received from around the district from young people aged 8 – 20 years representing a wide range of artistic and athletic pursuits

Musicians dominated the arts applications with actors and dancers next in line. To their credit, many of the musicians were playing in national children's or youth orchestras. The sports' players showed strong participation in aquatic and racquet sports, with all of the successful applicants competing at a national level.

In 2004, 33 talented young performers were awarded grants totalling £3,500 to help them follow their particular interest.

Applications for this year's awards can be obtained from teachers at local schools or from Helen Bowles, at the Department of Leisure and Amenity Services, on 01423 556702. All forms must be returned by Monday, 31 January 2005.