

## FINANCIAL AID

The Music School is committed to making music education accessible to as many people as possible. To this end we do significant fund raising each year to support our financial aid program. While the bulk of our aid is awarded at the beginning of each semester you are welcome to apply even if you are getting started late: we will do what we can to assist you.

In order to process your request we will need:

- A completed financial aid request form
- The \$16 (per registration) fee **plus one lesson fee**
- A copy of your most recent tax return or some other proof of income.
- To know whether you are signing up for lessons or a class.

Once an award has been made you are responsible for making your first payment upon receipt of the award notification. Unless prior arrangements are made with the Music School, all fees should be paid in full by the midpoint of the semester or class.

**We do not have the resources to offer full scholarships.** Awards are made based on a formula that combines the U. S. Department of Health & Human Services Poverty Guidelines, verified household income and the number of people in the household. The actual award will depend on the number of applicants and the amount the School has available in its financial aid fund. The percentages listed below are a target for us. In rare instances we can offer more but we offer these numbers for your planning purposes.

### Household Income and Aid eligibility (for family of four)

\$0 - \$22,050.....	up to 55% of tuition
\$22,050 - \$26,200.....	up to 45% of tuition
\$26,200 - \$30,530.....	up to 36% of tuition
\$30,530 - \$34,770.....	up to 27% of tuition
\$34,770 - \$39,010.....	up to 20% of tuition

### Policies:

- Applications are reviewed by the Education Programs Director and awards are made without regard to race, creed, national origin, gender or sexual orientation.
- PLEASE NOTE: No aid can be given if there is an outstanding balance from a preceding term.
- Financial aid will be adjusted proportionally if number of lessons is reduced.
- This application and your award apply only to the semester and year listed on the application.
- Confidentiality is maintained throughout the financial aid process. Your information is filed securely and kept for a limited time.

Fall\_\_\_\_ Spring\_\_\_\_ Summer\_\_\_\_ Year\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information:**

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Primary (billing address):

Street Address	Town	State	Zip Code

Number of members in household: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own or rent home? Own\_\_\_\_ Rent\_\_\_\_

Household income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly or annual (circle one)

Other sources of income (gifts, child support, etc.): please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

I am requesting financial aid for:

\_\_\_\_\_ lessons with (teacher) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ the following class(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of financial aid being requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .

*Please attach a copy of page 1 of your most recent 1040 tax forms. If using some other tax form please submit the page that lists "adjusted gross income." **In lieu of a tax form some proof of current income is required before we can consider your application.***

***If there are additional factors you wish the scholarship committee to consider please attach a brief explanation. We do our best to take such factors into consideration while staying within the bounds of the guidelines we have established in order to be as equitable as possible.***

\_\_\_\_ I state that the information above is accurate and complete

\_\_\_\_ I have read the Financial Aid information page and agree to the requirements listed there.

\_\_\_\_ I am enclosing my financial aid application, registration fee, proof of income, and registration form.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_