

Tuition Assistance

The Music School is committed to making music education accessible. To this end we do significant fund raising each year to support our tuition assistance 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. Tuition assistance is available to all students for any BMC lesson or class.

In order to process your request, we will need:

- A completed financial aid request form
- The \$16 (per registration) fee **plus one lesson fee** or \$50 camp deposit
- A copy of your most recent tax return or some other proof of income (see details below**).
- To know what you are signing up for

Once an award has been made, an invoice for the total semester amount will be sent to you. You are welcome to pay it over the course of the semester. We can arrange automatic payments if that is helpful. We will send invoices periodically during the year to help you keep track.

We generally 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.

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.
- Assistance will be adjusted proportionally if number of lessons is reduced or increased.
- This application and your award apply only to the year listed on the application. We will ask for updates once a year, in the fall.
- 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?

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

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

I am requesting financial aid for:

____ lessons - please list teacher's name _____

____ a class or camp (please list class or camp) _____

Amount of financial aid being requested for the semester applying: \$

OR: I can afford the following per lesson/class: \$ _____ .

*****Please attach a copy of the page of your most recent tax form that shows either "adjusted gross income" or "taxable income." In lieu of a tax form, some proof of current income or financial status is required.***

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: