



TO: Parents/Guardians of Music Students
DATE: November 2018
RE: Opportunities for Private Music Lesson Scholarships

Each year CIVIC MUSIC awards a number of young musicians the opportunity for private music instruction through our unique Private Lesson Program. The students selected receive 25 half-hour lessons the following school year with some of our area's finest music teachers in locations determined together by you and your assigned teacher. We try our best to connect your child with transportation and proximity in mind. A teacher must first recommend students.

Congratulations! Your child's teacher has recommended your child for this opportunity.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Family has demonstrated financial need (CIVIC MUSIC will determine this from the application)
- Have never had private music lessons on their instrument/voice
- Instrumental students presently in 4th through 9th grade (band or orchestra instruments)
- Vocal students presently in 8th- 9th grade
- Resident of Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washington, Ozaukee or Racine County
- Student shows exceptional musical potential and has strong interest in pursuing their musical development

Audition and Interview:

Saturday, March 23, 2019, First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa, 1511 Church Street, Wauwatosa

Students will be assigned to either a morning (9:00am-12:00pm) or afternoon (1:00pm-4:00pm) session and should attend with their parent/guardian. We have several valuable musical experiences planned:

- **Orientation** session to review the requirements of the scholarship and responsibilities of private study
- **Audition and Recital Preparation Workshop** facilitated by a professional musician
- **Recital Performance** by some of our High School Showcase Recital performers
- **Audition/Interview** (5 min.) before a panel of two music educators

Scholarship Selection Criteria (used by our judges):

- Demonstration of financial need (PART I)
- Parent statement of their commitment and support for the lessons & home practice (PART I)
- Student essay about his/her musical experiences and participation in school activities (PART II)
- Teacher assessment of the student's musical ability, potential, attitude & reliability (PART III)
- Quality of the audition (as it relates to the length of student's musical experience)

If awarded a scholarship, the student and parent must meet the following requirements:

- Attend all scheduled lessons
- Practice a minimum of 20 minutes per day, five days per week
- Arrange for transportation to/from lessons. *(Every effort will be made to assign a teacher that is conveniently located for you.)*
- Pay a co-pay fee of \$50 (\$2 per lesson). *(Installment payments are available.)*
- Purchase any required music books/materials at an average cost of \$10-20 for the year
- Perform at the CIVIC MUSIC Private Lesson Program Recital in spring 2020. (This season's recital dates are May 1 or May 8 and participants help select the date on which they perform.)

If your child is interested in applying for this scholarship, make sure to request a written recommendation from your child's teacher right away to make sure that you make our **February 20, 2019 deadline. Please allow enough time to complete all parts of the application.**

IMPORTANT: You are required to include a \$10 non-refundable application fee with this application. Please make checks payable to CIVIC MUSIC

PART I: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT'S PARENT/GUARDIAN (continued)

Student Name: _____

Has this student had private lessons previously on their instrument/voice? ___Yes ___No

If yes, please explain: _____

NOTE: "Private" lessons are one-on-one lessons with a private lesson teacher who is paid for the lesson time with your child. This does not include any lessons done by the music teachers at school or lessons taken with other students in the room sharing the lesson time.

Has this student had private lessons previously on another instrument? ___Yes ___No

If yes, please explain: _____

Has this student auditioned with CIVIC MUSIC previously? ___Yes ___No

For the March 23 Audition Day, please indicate any scheduling needs.

Need the morning session. (8:30-11:45 AM) Need the afternoon session. (12:30-3:45 PM)

We are able to attend either session.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

This scholarship is designed for students whose families are in need of a financial helping hand. All responses will remain confidential.

Total Number of People living in the household: _____ (this number should equal the total of a. + b. +c. below)

a. Number of wage earners: _____

b. Number of children: _____

c. Number of other people (i. e. grandparents, etc.): _____

School Lunch Program Eligibility:

___ Free Lunch

___ Reduced Lunch

___ Not Eligible

___ Unknown

Household Income Range (check one):

___ \$0 to \$14,999

___ \$15,000 to \$24,999

___ \$25,000 to \$39,999

___ \$40,000 to \$54,999

___ \$55,000 to 69,999

___ \$70,000 to \$99,999

___ \$100,000+

If your income level is \$70,000 or above, we strongly recommend that you use this area to explain any specific circumstances that are causing your current financial need for this scholarship. Your explanation here will help CIVIC MUSIC to assess fairly your financial need.

PART I: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT'S PARENT/GUARDIAN (continued)

Student Name: _____

Please answer the questions below by writing **(in dark ink)** a brief paragraph for each question. *If you need more space or wish to type your answers, just attach a separate page.*

Why do you think your child should be awarded a scholarship?

How do you intend to support your child in the requirements of the scholarship?

How dedicated is your child in his/her current practice, and what are your expectations for home practice should your child receive this scholarship?

Please share anything else that you would like us to know about your child.
