



TO: Parents/Guardians of Music Students
DATE: July 2017
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. **Your child's music teacher must first recommend 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 24, 2018, 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 Award winners
- **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 \$2 per lesson. *(Payable in 2 installments if needed, \$25 due 10/31/17, \$25 due 02/29/18)*
- 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 on an evening in April, 2019 TBA (The 2018 Recital featuring the 2017-18 scholarship recipients is set for April 18, 2018 at First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa)

If your child is interested in being considered for this scholarship, contact your child's teacher for a recommendation and then complete the attached PRIVATE LESSON PROGRAM APPLICATION and return it to your child's music teacher by the deadline he/she provided you.

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



2018 PRIVATE LESSON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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

This application is for:

Instrumental Scholarship

Instrument: _____
What grade were you in when you started playing your instrument? _____

Vocal Scholarship

Voice Type: _____
What grade were you in when you started singing in a choir or formal vocal group? _____

Student First Name: _____ **Last:** _____ **Birthdate:** ___/___/___

Grade: _____ **School Attending:** _____ **City:** _____

Is this an MPS school? _____ (Y/N)

Is this a private school? _____ (Y/N)

School Attending in fall of 2018 (if different) _____

Ethnicity: _____ (Optional)

Collected for grant & reporting purposes only

- 1-Native American/Alaska Native
- 2-Asian (Chinese/Filipino/Hmong/Indian/Thai)
- 3-Black/African American
- 4-Hispanic/Latino (of any race)
- 5-Multi-Racial
- 6-Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- 7-White/Caucasian
- 8-Other: _____

Gender: _____ (M/F)

Student lives with:

- ___ Both parents
- ___ Mother Only
- ___ Father Only
- ___ Guardian
- ___ Other (specify) _____

Does this student participate in any of the following:

SCHOOL activities

- ___ Band
- ___ Orchestra
- ___ Choir
- ___ Other school musical group: _____
- ___ Sports (specify): _____
- ___ Other (specify): _____

NON-SCHOOL activities

- ___ MYSO _____ (specify ensemble)
- ___ String Academy of Wisconsin
- ___ Latino Arts
- ___ Milwaukee Children's Choir
- ___ First Stage Theater
- ___ Other Arts Organization _____
- ___ Sports (specify): _____
- ___ Other (specify): _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____ **County:** _____

Primary Phone: _____ Home Work Mobile

Secondary Phone: _____ Home Work Mobile

Email Address: _____

I authorize you to add me to your eNewsletter list so I can stay current on your programs and events.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Relationship to Student

Date

My check payable to CIVIC MUSIC is attached:

Check Amount **\$10.00** Check # _____ Check Date _____

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 auditioned with CIVIC MUSIC previously? ___Yes ___No

For the March 24 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.

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

If yes, please explain: _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

This scholarship is designed with students in mind 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 (e.g. 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, please use the area below to explain any specific circumstances that are causing your current financial need for this scholarship. Your explanation here will help CIVIC MUSIC to fairly assess 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 we should know about your child.

PART III: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT’S SCHOOL MUSIC TEACHER

Student Name: _____
Recommend By: _____
Position/Title: _____
School District: _____
School Name: _____
School Address: _____
School City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone (Day): _____ (Mobile): _____
Email Address: _____

Please explain why you are recommending this student for a scholarship. Include your assessment of the student’s musical ability, potential, attitude and reliability. *If you need more space or wish to type your recommendation, just attach a separate page but be sure to send it with this page with the information above filled out.*

**Completed Applications (Parts I, II AND III)
and \$10 application fee (payable to CIVIC MUSIC)
must be emailed or postmarked by **February 8, 2018****

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