



TO: Parents/Guardians of Music Students
DATE: December 2016
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 Scholarship 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 has recommended your child for one of these scholarships.**

Eligibility Requirements:

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

Audition and Interview:

Saturday, March 25, 2017, 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):

- Parent statement of their commitment and support for the lessons & home practice (PART I)
- Demonstration of financial need (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, 2018 TBA (The 2017 Recital featuring the 2016-17 scholarship recipients is set for April 26, 2017 at First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa)

If your child is interested in being considered for this scholarship, please complete the attached PRIVATE LESSON SCHOLARSHIP 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 ASSOCIATION.

2017 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:** _____ **DOB:** ___/___/___

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

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

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

Ethnicity: _____ (Optional)
Collected for grant & reporting purposes only

Gender: _____ (M/F)

- 1-American Indian/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: _____

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 Progressions
- ___ UWM String Ensemble
- ___ Latino Arts
- ___ MCC (Milwaukee Children's Choir)
- ___ First Stage Theater
- ___ 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 Association is attached: Check Amount **\$10.00** Check # _____ Check Date _____

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

Student Name: _____

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 that are done with other students in the room sharing the lesson time.

Has this student auditioned previously? ___ Yes ___ No

Has this student had private lessons previously on their instrument/voice? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Has this student had private lessons previously on another instrument? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Number of Dependents in Household: _____ (children, grandparents, etc.)

School Lunch Program Eligibility:

- ___ Free Lunch
- ___ Reduced Lunch
- ___ Not Eligible
- ___ Unknown

Household Income Range (check one):

- ___ \$0 to \$14,999
- ___ \$14,000 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+

Please explain any specific circumstances that are causing your current financial need for this scholarship:

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 Association)
must be emailed or postmarked by **February 10, 2017****

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