

TO: Parents/Guardians of Music Students
DATE: January 2022
RE: Opportunities for Private Music Lesson Scholarships
Applications Due: March 10, 2022 Audition Day: Saturday, April 2, 2022

Each year CIVIC MUSIC awards up to 60 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 families and their assigned teacher. We try our best to match your child with transportation and proximity in mind.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Instrumental students who will be in grades 4-11 in the following school year (band or orchestra instruments, piano and guitar)
- Vocal students who will be in grades 8-12 in the following school year
- Family has demonstrated financial need (CIVIC MUSIC will determine this from the application)
- Family lives in Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washington, Ozaukee or Racine County
- Student will be new to regular private music lessons on this instrument/voice (i.e. less than 25 hours of private lessons previously)

Audition and Interview:

Saturday, April 2, 2022, First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa, 1511 Church Street, Wauwatosa

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

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

Scholarship Selection Criteria To Be Used:

- Demonstration of financial need (PART I)
- Parent statement of commitment and support for the lessons and home practice (PART I)
- Student essay about their musical experiences and participation in school activities (PART II)
- Teacher recommendation (PART III)
- Success of the audition (as it relates to the length and depth of the student's musical experience so far)

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.
- 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 2023. (*Traditionally in early May*)

Students interested in applying for this scholarship should make sure to request the teacher's written recommendation right away to ensure that you make your **March 10, 2022 deadline. Please allow enough time to complete all parts of the application.**

Please direct any questions to: **CIVIC MUSIC MKE**
(414) 375-4875 | info@civictimilwaukee.org
1345 N Jefferson Street, #170 | Milwaukee, WI 53202

IMPORTANT: This application requires a \$20 non-refundable application fee. Please make checks payable to CIVIC MUSIC. You may also pay online by using the Payment Button on the Private Lesson Program page at www.civictimilwaukee.org.

PART I: TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN

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

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

Is this an MPS school? (circle) Y N **Is this a private school?** (circle) Y N

School Attending in Fall of 2022 (if different than above) _____

This application is for:

Instrumental Scholarship

Instrument: _____

How many years have you been playing your instrument? _____

Vocal Scholarship

Voice Type: _____

How many years have you been singing in an ensemble? _____

Ethnicity: _____

(Optional, but appreciated: 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
- 5-Multi-Racial
- 6-Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- 7-White/Caucasian
- 8-Other: _____

Gender: _____

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 _____ *(ensemble name)*
- String Academy of Wisconsin
- Latino Arts
- Milwaukee Children's Choir
- Other Arts Organization: _____
- Sports (specify): _____
- Other (specify): _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Address: _____

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

Primary Phone: _____ Home Work Mobile

Secondary Phone: _____ Home Work Mobile

Email Address: _____ (Please print legibly!)

We authorize you to add us to your eNewsletter list so we can stay current on CIVIC MUSIC programs and events.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Relationship to Student

Date

Our \$20 application fee is attached:

Cash

Check (payable to CIVIC MUSIC)

PART I: TO BE COMPLETED BY 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 per lesson with your child. This does not include any lessons done by the music teachers at school or youth music program with other students in the room sharing the lesson time. Remember that the program to which you are applying is designed for students new to private lessons on the instrument or voice as noted on Page 1.

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

Does this student have a friend or know a fellow student who is receiving lessons through CIVIC MUSIC? Yes No

Are you applying because of them? Yes No

If Yes, please explain. _____

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:

a. _____ Number of wage earners
 b. _____ Number of children
 c. _____ Number of other dependents (*i. e. grandparents, etc.*)
 Total: d. _____ (*a. + b. + c.*)

Household Income Range (check one):

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|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 to \$14,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000 to \$39,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$55,000 to \$69,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,000 to \$24,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,000 to \$54,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$70,000 to \$99,999 |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> \$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 requiring your current financial need for this scholarship. Your explanation here will help CIVIC MUSIC to assess fairly your financial need. This will not be shared with the judges.

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

Student Name: _____

Please answer the questions below by writing (**use dark ink, no pencil please**) a few sentences for each question. *If you need more space or wish to type your answers, just attach a separate page.*

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Secure good working instrument | <input type="checkbox"/> Help my child establish a practice routine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide a quiet, separate space |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make the Co-payment by the deadline | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide encouragement and constructive criticism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consider volunteering for CIVIC MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> Attend my child's performances |

Please explain. *(Optional)*

Tell us why your child should be awarded a scholarship.

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