



TO: Parents/Guardians of Music Students
DATE: January 2015
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 him/her for one of these scholarships.**

Eligibility Requirements:

- Instrumental students presently in 4th through 9th grade (band or orchestra instruments)
- Vocal students presently in 8th or 9th 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 28, 2015, First Congregational Church, 1511 Church Street, Wauwatosa, WI 53213

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, \$25 due 10/31/15, \$25 due 02/29/16);*
- 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 April or May 2016

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.



2015 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 Name: _____ **Grade:** _____ **DOB:** ____/____/____

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

- 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: _____

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 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 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.



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PART II: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT APPLICANT

Student Name: _____

Please tell us about yourself. We would like to know about your musical experiences and participation in school activities. You may include any information about your interest, attitude and dedication to music that might help the Scholarship Committee get to know you better. Please keep in mind that your essay will help them make the difficult decision regarding the awarding of these scholarships. *If you need more space or wish to type your essay on the computer, just attach a separate page but be sure to write your name on the page.*

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PART III: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT’S 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 fill out and return the information above.*

**Completed Applications (Parts I, II AND III)
and \$10 application fee (payable to Civic Music Association)
must be emailed or postmarked by March 2, 2015**

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