

**TUITION ASSISTANCE GUIDELINES
FOR GRANTING FUNDS AND FOLLOW-UP**

PRE-REQUISITE GUIDELINES:

Eligibility: Open to students who study with a private teacher and reside in Central Virginia, to include the city of Charlottesville, Albemarle County and the contiguous counties of Greene, Orange, Louisa, Fluvanna, Buckingham, Nelson, Augusta, and Rockingham Counties. Also open to students who reside outside of this area but who study with a resident of Central Virginia who is a Wednesday Music Club (WMC) member. Applicants for in-person lessons will be given preference, but there may be situations in which virtual lessons are acceptable or necessary.

Preparation: Pre-college age students of any level, from beginning to advanced, are eligible for assistance, provided some demonstration of talent has been assessed. The student must have a strong recommendation from the teacher, show indication of serious practice and enthusiasm, and have prior participation in musical activities as available, e.g., school band or orchestra, studio recitals, etc. It is helpful, although not required, for first time applicants to have already performed on a Young Musicians Recital or in some adjudicated event.

Private Lesson Requirement: Tuition Assistance is given to students studying with a private teacher. Although public/private school music instructors are encouraged to nominate students, a private teacher should be secured before submitting the application, as the monetary award will need to be considered, in part, on the basis of actual lesson cost. A student's financial need for assistance is based on information provided by the family in the application, as well as a strong recommendation by the teacher about need, talent, and benefit of the lessons.

FOLLOW-UP GUIDELINES AFTER RECEIVING TUITION AWARD

Student Performance Requirements:

During the academic year, a student receiving Tuition Assistance is required to perform in both

1. a solo public recital (e.g., WMC Young Musicians Recital, CMTA Festival/Youth Recital, or other non-studio recital)
 2. an adjudicated event, different from #1 above (e.g., WMC Competitions, CMTA Festival, Piano Guild Auditions)
- At least one event must be sponsored by the Wednesday Music Club. Performances whenever possible should be in person rather than virtual. All ratings and any questions about suitable events can be addressed to the Chairperson.

Student Progress: The students should show evidence of progress during the year in order to keep the second half of the award, or to be considered for renewal for the following year. Teachers should submit a short progress report when they submit their invoices for the second semester. Although “progress” is a subjective analysis, in addition to the teacher's evaluation, members of the committee may attend the various performance events to observe the student's progress. Teachers should inform the Tuition Chairperson when and where the student is to perform. Students should submit a brief self-assessment of their progress at the end of the year to the Tuition Chairperson.

SPECIAL NOTES

1. The WMC Tuition Assistance program does not at this time serve adults, defined as post-high-school age.
2. Students without a past history of lessons may be considered provisionally for tuition assistance, with evaluations from the teacher and some sort of performance in the first semester, at which time the scholarship application will be reviewed.
3. A teacher may apply after the regular May deadline for a new student, or for altered circumstances. The cutoff date for any such delayed applications is January 15 for the remainder of the academic year.
4. The signatures of parents or guardians is required and indicates agreement to support the student in regular lessons, practice, performance requirements, and in payment of their portion of fees to the teacher.
5. A student may apply for study on two different instruments with two different teachers, for the same year. A separate application should be submitted for each instrument.

6. All three parts of the application must be submitted (student, parent, teacher) to process the application.