

**WEDNESDAY MUSIC CLUB TUITION ASSISTANCE
REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES
SUMMER 2026 AND ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-27**

Wednesday Music Club (WMC) Tuition Assistance (TA) covers approximately 50% of the cost of private lessons and the full cost of application fees and accompanist fees associated with students' required performances.

Eligibility:

- Open to students in grades K-12 who are or will be studying with a private teacher. Although public/private school music instructors are encouraged to identify potential TA students and share that information with the TA committee, **a private teacher should be secured first**. That teacher will be responsible for
 - submitting the teacher's application and
 - coordinating with the student's family on the submission of the family's application.
- Students **must reside in - or study with a WMC member teacher who resides in -** the city of Charlottesville or in one of the following counties: Albemarle, Augusta, Buckingham, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Nelson, Orange or Rockingham.
- Students should be strongly recommended by their 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.

Post-Award Requirements for Students:

During the academic year, a student receiving Tuition Assistance **must:**

- **perform as a soloist** in one of the four WMC Young Musicians' Recitals, **or** the WMC Winners' Recital, **or** the Charlottesville Music Teachers Association (CMTA) Youth Recital

AND

- **perform in one judged event**, either competitive or non-competitive, **which includes a rating and comments** (e.g. WMC Competition, CMTA Festival, Piano Guild Auditions, Royal Conservatory of Music Exams, solo band and orchestra auditions, concerto competitions).
- **At least one event must be sponsored by the Wednesday Music Club.**
- Performances must be in person.
- At the end of the academic year, students must submit a brief description of their progress to the TA Committee at tuitionassistance@wednesdaymusicclub.org.

Exceptions to any requirements must be pre-approved by the TA Committee.

Post-Award Requirements for Teachers:

All correspondence and documentation mentioned below should be sent to the committee electronically to the following email address: tuitionassistance@wednesdaymusicclub.org. Please note contents of the email clearly in the subject line – thanks!

- **Teachers' invoices** should be submitted to the committee no later than **August 1** for the summer, **September 1** for the fall, and **January 15** for the spring.
- Teachers should send an email to the committee indicating *when and where* their TA students will perform during the year **at least 2 weeks prior to each event**.
- Teachers must submit **a written progress report** for each TA student in January, when invoices are submitted for the spring semester (**January 15**). Evidence of a student's progress is taken into consideration, should the student reapply for assistance the following year.
- The teacher is responsible for submitting to the committee **the ratings and written comments from the student's adjudicated event**. Be sure to keep a copy for your own records.
- The teacher is responsible for submitting to the committee any **requests for reimbursement** of application fees and accompanist fees, preferably within two weeks of the event, but no later than April 30.

Additional Information:

- Lessons should be in-person. Virtual lessons may be considered, but only in exceptional circumstances, and must be pre-approved by the TA Committee, before the application is submitted.
- It is helpful for first time applicants to have had some lesson experience, whether private, group, or in a school program. **Students with no prior lesson experience will be considered on an exceptional basis.**
- A student may apply to study two different instruments with two different teachers, for the same year. A separate application should be submitted for each instrument.
- Modest funding is available to subsidize the cost of **summer lessons**. For students who take lessons over the summer, the request for tuition assistance for summer lessons should be made on the teacher's and the family's application form submitted in spring for the upcoming summer. This applies to new as well as continuing students.
- WMC's TA program does not serve adults, defined as post-high school age. However, **graduating high school seniors** may apply for tuition assistance **for summer lessons only** immediately following graduation if the students have **1.** previously received tuition assistance and **2.** will be attending college in the fall, participating in a college music program.

- A teacher may apply after the May 15 deadline for a new student or in case of unusual circumstances. The deadline for any such delayed applications is **November 15th**. All applications received between May 16 and November 15 will be reviewed by the committee in late November for lessons for the spring semester. Teachers and families will be notified before calendar year end of any support awarded for the spring. The allocation of tuition assistance funds for delayed applications will depend upon the availability of funds.
- For the upcoming summer and academic year, **completed and signed application forms from both the teacher and the student's family must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. on May 15, 2026. Please note new deadline!**

Application Forms:

- **TUITION ASSISTANCE STUDENT APPLICATION**
[Wednesday Music Club | FAMILY APPLICATION TUITION ASSISTANCE AWARD](#)
- **TUITION ASSISTANCE TEACHER APPLICATION**
[Wednesday Music Club | TEACHER APPLICATION - TUITION ASSISTANCE AWARD](#)
- **WMC Young Musicians' Recitals** [Wednesday Music Club | Student Recitals](#) – this is the information for 2025-26. The information for 26-27 will be posted by September 1, 2026.
- **CMTA Student Recital AND CMTA Festivals** [Calendar — Charlottesville Music Teachers Association](#) This is the calendar for 2025-26. The calendar for 26-27 will be posted in September 2026.
- **WMC Annual Competition** [Wednesday Music Club | WMC Competition](#)
Information on the 2026-27 competition will be posted in fall 2026.

A list of local accompanists will be posted in early fall 2026. While this list is offered to provide assistance in finding an accompanist, it is not required to select an accompanist from this list.

Questions? Please email tuitionassistance@Wednesdaymusicclub.org