



## Scholarship Program for Students with Financial Need

The Scholarship Program is a community service provided by the New School for Music Study. The goal of this program is to help families who have financial hardship and who have established a strong and committed relationship with the school. The funds for this program were secured through fundraising efforts for scholarships. The administration at the New School will oversee the application process and recipient selection.

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### Eligibility

All children who have been enrolled for at least 6 months of lessons at the New School are eligible to receive scholarships. Recipient selection is based upon the student's commitment to piano study, teacher recommendation, and financial need. More than one application can be submitted per family; one application is needed per student.

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### Terms

Scholarship funding is limited and will reduce the amount of tuition payments for the entire academic year (full scholarships are not available at this time). Scholarships will be spread equally across tuition payments. The scholarship amount is determined by the financial information provided in the application and by the amount of funding available.

A new application is required for each academic year. Renewals are possible but are dependent upon funding. In cases of mid-year withdraw from the school, the remaining scholarship funds will not be awarded.

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### Deadlines and Notification

The scholarship application must be received with the enrollment materials and \$150 deposit, which are submitted in June for the next academic year. Later applications may be submitted, but funding may not be available. Families will be notified of scholarship funding by August 1. Scholarship acceptance and enrollment confirmation must be received at least ten days prior to the start of the term. Withdrawals within ten days time before the start of the term will forfeit the deposit.

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### Application Process

Three items are needed to complete an application to the Scholarship Program:

1. Application form
  - This must be completed and signed by the parent.
  - One application is needed per student.
2. Student Essay
  - This must be completed by the student. In cases of young children, parent assistance is allowed.
3. Teacher Recommendation
  - This must be completed by a New School faculty member who has taught the student in classes or lessons.
  - Ask a teacher to submit a recommendation to the Administrative Director via email.

Items may be mailed or brought to the school:

The New School for Music Study  
Attn: Rebecca Pennington, Administrative Director  
P.O. Box 360  
Kingston, NJ 08528

Questions can be directed to the Administrative Director, Rebecca Pennington, at [rmpennington@nsmspiano.org](mailto:rmpennington@nsmspiano.org), or at 609-921-2900.

**Student and Family Information**

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Piano Student Name and Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Years at the New School \_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s) of School(s) Attending \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Extracurricular Activities \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**Program Information**

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Please indicate the program information for the coming academic year:  
Individual lesson length (30, 45, 60 minutes) \_\_\_\_\_  
Group class (weekly, biweekly, monthly, PEPS) \_\_\_\_\_  
List the teacher who has been asked for a recommendation \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Information**

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Annual Income \_\_\_\_\_ Adjusted Gross Income \_\_\_\_\_  
Use Amount Reported Line 22 of Federal Income Tax Return Use Amount Reported Line 37 of Federal Income Tax Return  
Is yours a single-parent household? YES NO (circle one) Annual Child Support Received \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Income (rent, interest, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Dependents \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you currently receive financial assistance through any other school-related, educational and/or extracurricular programs? If yes, please explain the activity and the amount of funding received. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please describe any special circumstances which affect your financial need: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Parent/Guardian Signature**

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By signing below, you understand and acknowledge that the decision for granting assistance is subject to the availability of funds, and this application does not constitute a promise or agreement that any financial assistance will be provided. Under penalty of perjury, the undersigned states that the information set forth in this application is true and correct.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Tell us about yourself! We would like to know what music means to you and what the piano means to you. Here are some questions to think about for your essay: What do you like most about playing piano and/or piano lessons? What is your favorite type of music to play on the piano? What are your musical goals? How does it make you feel to play the piano? Feel free to include any other interesting information about yourself. You may attach an additional sheet.