

The Music Academy at Salisbury

Scholarship Eligibility, Application, Expectations and Yearly Review

I. Eligibility and Application:

A current or future student is eligible to request half or full scholarship Music Academy assistance when the student exhibits great musical interest and aptitude but the student's family is not financially capable of providing the tuition payments for music instruction. Some families may qualify for short-term assistance due to financial stresses such as a job loss or unusually steep medical expenses. You may request assistance by contacting the Music Academy Coordinator and/or your instructor. The decision to offer or deny assistance will be made by the Music Academy Coordinator and the Salisbury Presbyterian Church Director of Music with input from the student's instructor, as appropriate.

II. Expectations:

We expect both the student and the parent(s) to be invested in the Music Academy and the love of music....just as we will be invested in your progress and musical development. With this in mind, we have these expectations for the scholarship student and parent:

A. The Student will:

- Faithfully attend each weekly lesson as scheduled
- Arrive to lessons on time and be prepared with all lesson materials
- Practice regularly and put forth excellent effort at all times
- Participate in the Academy recitals, including "optional" recitals

B. The Parent(s) will:

- Be sure the student arrives to all weekly lessons on time and with the proper lesson materials
- Encourage, support and supervise at-home practice time
- Participate in some sort of volunteer capacity to help support The Music Academy and our host church, Salisbury Presbyterian. A mature, responsible student may carry out some of these duties instead of the parent(s). Possible volunteer activities might include:
 - *Coordinating and/or assisting with recital receptions
 - *Running the sound booth for recitals
 - *Assisting with bulk mailings (folding, stamping, etc)

- *Assisting with recital program preparation (running and folding)
- *Assisting with technology (typing into forms, entering music titles into library software, etc.)
- *Serving as an Academy Greeter (Normally a two hour assignment, once or twice per month)
- *Assisting or organizing rehearsal/equipment set up for such possible activities as an ensemble rehearsal or recital

III. **Yearly Review Process:**

All scholarships will be reviewed annually. As a family's financial circumstances change, we will review the need for continued scholarship assistance for each individual candidate. Some families may only require short-term financial aid. An indication of adequate student progress as well as feedback from the instructor concerning effort, preparation and attendance will all serve as important parts of this review.

As always, our aim is to be sure that there is no student who is denied the study of a musical instrument due to financial need. It is also our commitment to be good stewards of the scholarship funds so generously given by our donors.

Thank you,
Joanne Sherman
Music Academy Coordinator

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