



Scholarship Eligibility, Guidelines, & Conditions

Individuals applying for and receiving a scholarship must follow these requirements, guidelines, and conditions:

Eligibility Requirements

- Individuals 6 months old - adult.
- Must be (or will be) a student at Rochester Contemporary School of Music for private lessons or music classes.
- Individual must not be currently subjected to a suspension or ban from RCAF scholarships/grants.

General Guidelines

- Need-based scholarship applicants must submit all necessary documents.
- All individuals applying for **merit-based scholarships** must participate in an audition with RCAF's Scholarship Selection Committee
- Scholarship awards are valid for the duration of the academic year (*September - August) providing there is no interruption of instruction during the awarded academic year.
- Scholarship recipients must apply for a scholarship renewal at the start of every academic year. Current scholarship recipients are given priority among available resources, provided the recipient has met all conditions of their previous award.

Conditions of Award

- Maintain 100% attendance rate according to attendance policy set forth by RCSM (*See RCSM attendance policy).
- Maintain a "prepared for lesson" rate of 100%.
- Participation in all RCSM performances. Extenuating circumstances for absence of performances will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- Recipient must be receiving music instruction at Rochester Contemporary School of Music exclusively.
- Students must maintain a positive progress report. Students who fail to maintain positive progress reports will be put on a 10 week probationary period. As part of the probationary period, the award recipient must submit an 300 word (minimum) essay within one week demonstrating a plan to shift one's performance toward positive development. If an individual's next progress report doesn't represent a clear shift toward positive development at RCSM, the scholarship will be subject to review and potential termination.

Need-based & merit-based scholarships are awarded based on the following sliding scales below.

A - Need-Based Sliding Scale

| # of Household Members | Gross Annual Household income | Amount Awarded |
|------------------------|---|---|
| 1 | (1) \$0 - \$11,170 (2) \$11,171 - \$18,151 (3) \$18,152 - \$25,132 (4) \$25,133 - \$27,925 | (1) 100%, (2) 75% (3) 50%, (4) 25% |
| 2 | (1) \$0 - \$15,130 (2) \$15,131 - \$24,587 (3) \$24,588 - 34,044 (4) \$34,045 - \$37,825 | (1) 100%, (2) 75% (3) 50%, (4) 25% |
| 3 | (1) \$0 - \$19,090 (2) \$19,091 - \$31,021 (3) \$31,022 - 42,952 (4) \$42,952 - \$47,725 | (1) 100%, (2) 75% (3) 50%, (4) 25% |
| 4 | (1) \$0 - \$23,050, (2) \$23,051 - \$37,457 (3) \$37,458 - 51,863, (4) \$51,864 - \$57,625 | (1) 100%, (2) 75% (3) 50%, (4) 25% |
| 5 | (1) \$0 - \$27,010 (2) \$27,011 - \$43,892 (3) \$43,892 - 60,773 (4) \$60,774 - \$67,525 | (1) 100%, (2) 75% (3) 50%, (4) 25% |
| 6 | (1) \$0 - \$30,970 (2) \$30,971 - \$50,326 (3) \$50,327 - 69,683 (4) \$69,684 - \$77,425 | (1) 100%, (2) 75% (3) 50%, (4) 25% |
| 7 | (1) \$0 - \$34,930 (2) \$34,931 - \$56,761 (3) \$56,762 - 78,592 (4) \$78,592 - \$87,325 | (1) 100%, (2) 75% (3) 50%, (4) 25% |
| 8+ | (1) \$0 - \$38,890 (2) \$38,891 - \$63,196 (3) \$63,197 - 87,502 (4) \$87,503 - \$97,225 | (1) 100%, (2) 75% (3) 50%, (4) 25% |

B - Merit-based Scholarship - Sliding Scale

| Audition Score (*max 1000 points) | Amount Awarded |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| 500 - 550 points | 25% |
| 551 - 600 points | 50% |
| 601 - 650 points | 75% |
| 651 - higher points | 100% |

C - Scholarship Value

| Private Lesson/Class Type (*40 lessons/36 class year/18 class semester) | 25% | 50% | 75% | 100% |
|--|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1hr lessons (40 lessons) | \$340.00 | \$680.00 | \$1020.00 | \$1360.00 |
| 30min lessons (40 lessons) | \$170.00 | \$340.00 | \$510.00 | \$680.00 |
| Music Theory (36 classes) | \$76.50 | \$153.00 | \$229.50 | \$306.00 |
| Other Music Classes (18 classes) | \$38.25 | \$76.50 | \$114.75 | \$153.00 |