

2025-26 Financial Aid Information

Gifted Music School is committed to making quality music education accessible to dedicated students of all backgrounds. Through the generosity of our donors, we can accomplish this by offering a limited number of need-based, partial tuition scholarship awards each year.

Note: Applying does not guarantee any financial assistance will be granted—the scholarship committee reviews all applications and makes award decisions based on demonstrated financial need and available funds. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Scholarship Committee at scholarships@giftedmusicschool.org.

Application Deadlines

All applications for financial aid must be submitted by the corresponding semester's posted deadline. **Applications submitted after this date cannot be considered until the next semester.**

SEMESTER DEADLINE TO APPLY

Fall 2025| July 31, 2025, by 5:00 p.m.

Spring 2026| December 18, 2025, by 5:00 p.m.

Eligibility

Dedicated, hard-working students who demonstrate (1) a commitment to focused, high-level music education and (2) financial need for tuition assistance are eligible to apply for a scholarship.

Note: New students in financial hardship are encouraged to apply; however, due to limited funds, preference may be given to students enrolled for one or more semesters.

Scholarship recipients are required to maintain the following standards:

1. Access to the instrument for daily practice.
2. Demonstration of dedicated work as reported by instructor(s).
3. 100% attendance, except in case of family emergency or illness.
4. Compliance with school policies and procedures, signed at the beginning of each year.
5. Demonstrated continued need for financial assistance.
6. Scholarship recipients are required to submit a one-page written testimonial describing how the scholarship has impacted their musical growth and experience at the end of each year.
7. Upon request, scholarship recipients are expected to participate in major

showcases, either as soloists or in chamber ensembles.

8. If a scholarship is named in honor of specific donors (e.g., Hsu, Dummer, and Bagley), recipients are required to write thank-you letters to acknowledge and express appreciation for their support.

Note: Scholarships are awarded annually and are eligible for renewal each fall; however, they are reviewed on a semester basis. Any student not adhering to the above standards may have their scholarship revoked.

How to Apply

Step 1) Print and complete the [2025-26 Financial Aid Application](#).

Step 2) Attach a copy of all parents/guardians' most recent IRS Form-1040 Personal Income Tax Returns and obscure all private Social Security information. Please remember to redact all sensitive information.

Step 3) Write a brief personal statement describing your family's financial hardship and explaining how a scholarship would impact your child's ability to study at Gifted Music School.

Step 4) Provide two (2) letters of recommendation: one (1) from the student's current Gifted Music School faculty member (or previous private teacher if the student is new to Gifted Music School), and one (1) from a schoolteacher, principal, or advisor who can speak for the student's character and work ethic.

Note: Recommendations should not be delivered by students or parents. Please ask your recommenders to send digital copies of their letters to scholarships@giftedmusicschool.org or mail printed letters to the Scholarship Committee.

Step 5) Email your signed application and attachment(s) to scholarships@giftedmusicschool.org no later than 5:00 pm MST by the abovementioned deadlines. Electronic submissions are preferred; however, mailed applications are also accepted at the following address:

EMAIL TO: (preferred)

scholarships@giftedmusicschool.org

OR MAIL TO:

Attn: Scholarship Committee
Gifted Music School
182 South 600 East
Salt Lake City, UT 84102

Non-Discrimination Policy

Gifted Music School is committed to equal opportunity and compliance with state and federal anti-discrimination laws. All decisions regarding school admissions, studio placement, jury examinations, performance opportunities, masterclass participation, selection of financial aid recipients, and other school operations or conditions of admission and scholarship retention shall be made without unlawful discrimination based on race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, pregnancy (including childbirth, pregnancy-related conditions, breastfeeding and medical conditions relating to breastfeeding), sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, work-related injury, genetic information, marital status and membership in the armed forces or reserves.

Gifted Music School will not tolerate discrimination or harassment based upon these characteristics or any other characteristic protected by applicable federal, state, or local law.

2025-26 Financial Aid Application

Please read the 2025-26 Financial Aid Information sheet and confirm that you meet all eligibility requirements before completing this application form. Applications and all supporting materials must be submitted by the published application deadlines to be considered for financial assistance from Gifted Music School. Submit all materials electronically to scholarships@giftedmusicschool.org.

STUDENT NAME _____

NAME OF SCHOOL _____

GRADE IN SCHOOL _____

BIRTHDAY(mm/dd/yyyy) _____

WHO DOES THE STUDENT LIVE WITH? (PLEASE CIRCLE)

BOTH PARENTS

ONE PARENT

OTHER

PARENT NAME _____

PHONE_____

PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS_____

MUSICAL EXPERIENCE (OPTIONAL)

Include anything you wish the scholarship committee to know about your musical experience.

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I agree to abide by all school policies and regulations.

I confirm that I have access to my primary instrument of instruction for daily practice.

I agree to practice and prepare for each lesson according to the expectations and requirements outlined by my instructor and parent(s).

I agree to arrive prepared and on time for all my lessons, classes, rehearsals, performances, and other Gifted Music School activities for which I am registered.

I agree to attend all classes and activities, except in cases of family emergency or illness. I will notify my instructor and student services of any absences immediately.

I agree to be respectful and attentive during my lessons.

STUDENT SIGNATURE_____

DATE_____

PARENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I agree to abide by all school policies and regulations.

I agree to attend all lessons with my child.

I agree to support my child during their daily practice.

I agree to have my child at each lesson and group class on time.

I agree to meet all applicable deadlines for paying tuition balances or fees not covered by my child's financial aid award.

I certify that this application's information and supporting documentation is current, accurate, and complete.

I understand that falsifying any information or materials connected with this application may nullify current awards and prohibit future financial aid.

PARENT SIGNATURE_____

DATE_____

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Please attach the following materials with your application:

- 1) Most recent personal income tax returns (obscure SSN information).
- 2) Personal statement of financial hardship.
- 3) Two (2) letters of recommendation: one from a Gifted Music School faculty member and another from a school teacher, principal, or advisor not affiliated with Gifted Music School.

One may also attach additional helpful documentation, such as a bank statement, social security statement, proof of unemployment, etc. Please remember to redact all sensitive information.