



Dear Students, Parents and Music Educators,

Enclosed is the Reading Musical Foundation 2017 Scholarship Directory. This updated booklet includes all of our scholarship offerings, including audition-based, summer camp and private lesson/instrument upgrade requests. In addition to RMF scholarship offerings, a special back section highlights many of the area's performance and summer programs, such as the Berks Youth Chorus and Berks Summer Band Institute.

Please read through the booklet carefully, as you may be eligible for numerous scholarships. In addition to reading the requirements in the booklet, please be aware of the following:

**Audition-Based Scholarship Information – YELLOW application (photocopies on white paper are fine) or APPLY ONLINE**

- Auditions are Saturday, March 18, 2017 (Pre-College Awards) and Sunday, March 19, 2017 (College Tuition, Atonement & Voice)
- RMF does not require students to have an accompanist. Applicants should discuss using an accompanist with their music teacher. Students are advised *not* to use CD accompaniment. Teachers may accompany students in grades 1-6 *only*. *RMF does have funds in memory of Becky Butler to be used towards helping students who cannot afford to hire an accompanist. Please contact the office with any questions.*
- The audition fee for students auditioning for merit-based scholarships is \$20. Each additional sibling's fee is \$10. (Example, the total cost of two siblings auditioning would be \$30). The fee is applied once per year, regardless of the number of awards for which the student auditions. Requests to waive the application fee due to financial circumstances should be directed to our office at (610) 376-3395.
- Recorded auditions will not be accepted.
- Unless otherwise stated, award monies are paid directly to the music teacher, camp, institution or music vendor. College tuition awards are prorated over two, four or eight semesters, depending on the amount of the award.
- A letter confirming the date, time and location/directions of your audition will be mailed prior to the audition.

**Need-Sensitive Award Information – PURPLE for private study and instrument upgrades, BLUE for summer camp (photocopies on white paper are fine) or APPLY ONLINE:**

- No audition or fee is required – decisions are made by RMF's Scholarship Committee.
- Students with financial need are preferred over those without noted need. Students and/or music educators should mention financial need, if any, in their essay or letter of recommendation. Financial need can range from qualifying for a reduced lunch program to single parent families or limited disposable income. Due to the large number of applicants, applications with no mention of need are rarely funded.

**For all Scholarships/Awards:**

- **APPLICATIONS POSTMARKED OR RECEIVED AFTER THE NOTED DEADLINE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED, NO EXCEPTIONS.** If applying online, the application must be submitted by 11:59 PM on the deadline.  
March 18, 2017 Auditions – Friday, January 27, 2017 Application Deadline  
March 19, 2017 Auditions – Friday, January 27, 2017 Application Deadline  
Summer Camp Scholarships – Friday, May 5, 2017 Application Deadline
- Students may apply online at [www.readingmusicalfoundation.org](http://www.readingmusicalfoundation.org).

**Other Upcoming Scholarship Auditions**

- Auditions programs offered by other Berks County organizations are listed on page 15. Many have deadlines prior to RMF's deadline, so please be sure to look at those immediately if interested.

Please feel free to contact Keri Shultz with any questions regarding the directory or scholarship program at (610) 376-3395 or [kshultz@readingmusicalfoundation.org](mailto:kshultz@readingmusicalfoundation.org).

**In 2016, RMF awarded 286 scholarships totaling \$156,150!**