



Dear Students, Parents and Music Educators,

Enclosed is the Reading Musical Foundation 2019 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.

If students qualify for multiple awards, they are encouraged to apply for them all. For most merit awards, students audition once if they qualify for multiple awards on the same instrument. In addition to 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 23, 2019 (Pre-College Awards) and Sunday, March 24, 2019 (College Tuition, Atonement, Ensemble [New!] & Voice) at Albright College Center for the Arts.
- Please indicate the name of your accompanist and music selections at the time of applying. If you are unsure of available accompanists, or question if your piece should be performed with an accompanist, please consult with your music teacher prior to submitting the application. Students are not permitted to use recorded accompaniments. 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 included with the application.
- Recorded or streamed 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. RMF will try our best to accommodate requests for certain time frames if your student has a specific conflict on the day of the audition, but such accommodations cannot be guaranteed. Please note the conflict and requested time frame on the application, as requests received after the audition times are scheduled are extremely difficult to honor.

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 teachers 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.
- A teacher recommendation form is available online for teachers to submit recommendations. The form is under "Scholarships" at www.readingmusicalfoundation.org.

Deadline Information

- **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 23, 2019 Auditions (Pre-College Awards) – Friday, January 25, 2019 Application Deadline
 - March 24, 2019 Auditions (College Tuition, Atonement, Ensemble, Voice) – Friday, January 25, 2019 Application Deadline
 - Summer Camp Scholarships – Friday, May 3, 2019 Application Deadline
 - Private Study/Instrument Upgrade Scholarships – Friday, February 15, 2019; Friday, May 3, 2019, Friday, August 2, 2019; and Friday, October 18, 2019
- Students may apply online at www.readingmusicalfoundation.org.

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