

1 Audition for a Merit Scholarship

AWARDS AVAILABLE:

- College Tuition Scholarships: Grade 12
- Guitar (Classical): Grades 4-12
- Harp: Grades 7-12
- Jazz: Guitar & Ensembles: Grades 7-12
- Percussion: Grades 7-12
- Piano & String: Grades 1-12
- Voice: Grades 7-College
- Woodwind & Brass: Grades 5-12

WHEN ARE THE AUDITIONS?

February 23, 2025

- Jazz Ensemble Scholarship

March 15, 2025

- Grades 1-6: Piano & String
- Grades 5-6: Woodwind & Brass
- Grades 7-9: Piano, Organ, String, Woodwind, Brass, & Voice

March 16, 2025

- Grades 4-12: Classical Guitar
- Grades 7-12: Percussion & Jazz Guitar
- Grades 10-12: Piano, Organ, String, Woodwind, Brass, & Voice

April 6, 2025

- College Tuition Auditions

DEADLINE TO APPLY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025
FOR ALL AUDITION SCHOLARSHIPS
NO EXCEPTIONS

WHAT DO I NEED TO APPLY?

- Completed Application
- Name of Music Selections
- Name of Accompanist (if applicable)
- Recent Photo for identification
- Application Fee of \$20/\$10 for siblings (may be waived upon request due to financial need)

College Tuition applicants also need:

- To be accepted as a music major by an accredited college, university, or conservatory by audition date
- High School Transcripts
- Two Letters of Recommendation (one must be from someone other than music teacher)

HOW MUCH ARE THE AWARDS?

Awards vary by fund - check RMF's list of previous scholarship winners on our website to see last year's amounts.

WHEN WILL I FIND OUT IF I RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP?

Results are posted the Monday after the auditions and adjudicator comments are mailed the week following the auditions.

OTHER IMPORTANT DETAILS:

Applicants will be notified of their audition time electronically. Students can choose their music selections and must provide their own accompanist if the piece has piano accompaniment. No recorded auditions are accepted. Check RMF's Scholarship Directory for memorization and other requirements. Most funds require students to live in and attend school in Berks, with few exceptions.



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2025

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A Need-Sensitive Scholarship for Private Lessons and/or an Instrument Upgrade

For students in Grades 1-12 who live in AND attend school in Berks County.

I know who I want my private teacher to be and/or I know what instrument I'd like to purchase.

I don't have a private music teacher

I need a new instrument but don't have one picked out yet.

Use RMF's Private Study & Instrument Upgrade application.
Apply Online

Talk to your school music teacher, private music teacher, or contact RMF for a list of private teachers and instrument vendors.

Always talk to your private or school music teacher before purchasing an instrument.

2025 APPLICATION DEADLINES

FEBRUARY 14 | APRIL 25
JULY 18 | OCTOBER 10

WHAT DO I NEED TO APPLY?

- Completed Application
- Teacher Recommendation
- Written Essay: Why do you want to take lessons and/or need a new instrument?
- All instruments & voice welcome

HOW MUCH ARE THE AWARDS?

For students with significant need, the maximum scholarship for new applicants is \$350, and maximum renewal award \$500.

Siblings who receive awards (new or renewal awards), may receive awards of \$150 - \$300.

Scholarship Committee may alter award amounts if necessary.

WHEN WILL I FIND OUT IF I RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP?

Letters are sent within three weeks of the application deadline date.

CAN I REAPPLY FOR A RENEWAL AWARD? Yes, every six months.

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A Need-Sensitive Scholarship to Help Pay for Summer Music Camp

For students in grades 4-12 who live in AND attend school in Berks County.

I know what music camp I want to attend.

I haven't decided on what camp I'd like to go to.

Use RMF's Summer Camp application
Apply online

Talk to your school music teacher, private teacher, & parents about a camp that might be a good fit for you.

DEADLINE TO APPLY
APRIL 25, 2025

WHAT DO I NEED TO APPLY?

- Completed Application
- Teacher Recommendation
- Written Essay: Why do you want to attend summer music camp?
- All instruments & voice welcome

HOW MUCH ARE THE AWARDS?

For students with significant need, the maximum scholarship is \$550. Students with low or moderate need may receive awards of \$250-\$400.

WHEN WILL I FIND OUT IF I RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP?

Letters are sent via mail the week of May 12, 2025

CAN I APPLY AGAIN IF I RECEIVED AN AWARD LAST YEAR?

We encourage it!

OTHER NOTES

I'm an adult, do you have anything for me? Yes, we have awards for professional development opportunities for musicians, scholarships for folk musicians, early instrument musicians, and adult organists.

This is an overview of RMF's scholarship program and is not meant to be a comprehensive guide. Please go to RMF's website or contact the office for specific questions.