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1 AUDITION FOR A MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

2 APPLY FOR A NEED-SENSITIVE SCHOLARSHIP FOR PRIVATE LESSONS AND/OR AN INSTRUMENT UPGRADE

For students who live in AND attend school in Berks County.

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FIND MORE MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES IN BERKS

For an **extensive list** of music opportunities, check out our scholarship directory pages 18-19.

FIND ADULT SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We have awards for professional development, opportunities for musicians, scholarships for folk musicians, early instrument musicians, and adult organists.

For further info, check out our full scholarship directory and the RMF website.

VIEW THE FULL SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTORY



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1 MERIT SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS

AWARDS AVAILABLE:

Classical & Jazz Guitar: Grades 4-12
College Tuition Scholarships: Grade 12
Harp: Grades 7-12
Jazz 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?

March 1, 2026

- Jazz Ensemble Scholarship

March 14, 2026

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

March 15, 2026

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

April 12, 2026

- College Tuition Auditions

DEADLINE TO APPLY

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026
FOR ALL AUDITION SCHOLARSHIPS
NO EXCEPTIONS**

RULES REGARDING ACCOMPANISTS

Recorded accompaniment not permitted (except Jazz Guitar); Gr. 1-6 instrumentalists: audition without accompaniment; Gr. 7-12 instrumentalists: accompaniment recommended if the piece includes piano/orchestral reduction; College Tuition instrumentalists: accompanist required if the piece includes piano/orchestral reduction; All vocalists (Gr. 7-12 and College Tuition): accompanist required, unless the piece is unaccompanied/a cappella; Classical guitar, harp, and percussion: audition without accompaniment; Teachers may not accompany their own students (parents are permitted).

OTHER IMPORTANT DETAILS:

Applicants will be notified of their audition time electronically. Students can choose their music selections. 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.

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WHAT DO I NEED TO APPLY?

- ☐ Completed Application
- ☐ Name of Music Selections (if applicable)
- ☐ Name of Accompanist
- ☐ Recent Photo
- ☐ 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
- ☐ 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 award 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.

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS BERKS

Please contact organizations directly for more information

BERKS SUMMER BAND & STRING INSTITUTES

Band: John Evans at evansj@muhlsdk12.net

Strings: Steven Holgate, Director, at brass_coach@yahoo.com

BERKS YOUTH CHORUS

Megan Charlesworth, at director@berksyouthchorus.org or (610) 914-5367

GETJAZZED SUMMER JAZZ CAMP

Mike Eben at trane12b@me.com or (610) 698-1930

KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Dr. Maria Asteriadou, asteriad@kutztown.edu

OPUS ONE: BERKS CHAMBER CHOIR

Christopher Hoster, at opusonechamberchoir@gmail.com

READING SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRAS

David Himes, Education Manager at education@readingsymphony.org

RINGGOLD BAND

Chuck Ebersole, chuck.ebersole@ringgoldband.com

YOCUM INSTITUTE

Susan Rohn, Executive Director, at srohn@yocuminstitute.org



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 deadline date.

CAN I REAPPLY FOR A RENEWAL AWARD?

Yes, every six months.

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 11, 2026

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

We encourage it!

2 NEED-SENSITIVE SCHOLARSHIP FOR PRIVATE LESSONS AND/OR AN INSTRUMENT UPGRADE

For students 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'm trying to find a private teacher but don't know where to start.

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.

2026 APPLICATION DEADLINES

FEBRUARY 13 | APRIL 24
JULY 17 | OCTOBER 16

All instrument upgrade requests must be for FUTURE purchases. Applications for instruments already purchased will NOT be accepted.

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PLEASE NOTE

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.

3 NEED-SENSITIVE SCHOLARSHIP TO HELP PAY FOR SUMMER MUSIC CAMP

For students 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, and parents about a camp that might be a good fit for you.

DEADLINE TO APPLY
APRIL 24, 2026

Application

