SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2027

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RMF 100 YEARS Reading Musical Foundation

I WANT TO...

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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3. **APPLY FOR A NEED-SENSITVE SCHOLARSHIP TO HELP PAY FOR SUMMER MUSIC CAMP**
   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:

Grades 1-3
Piano & String

Grade 4
Piano & String
Classical & Jazz Guitar

Grades 5-6
Piano & String
Classical & Jazz Guitar
Woodwind & Brass

Grades 7-12
Piano & String
Classical & Jazz Guitar
Woodwind & Brass
Voice
Harp
Jazz Ensembles
Percussion

Grade 12
College Tuition Scholarships for Music Majors

College
Voice

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.

WHAT DO I NEED TO APPLY?

- ◯ Completed Application
- ◯ Name of Music Selections
- ◯ Name of Accompanist (if applicable)
- ◯ Recent Photo
- ◯ $20 Application Fee | $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 from a music teacher, one from someone other than a music teacher)*

DEADLINE TO APPLY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2027
NO EXCEPTIONS

Application

RULES REGARDING ACCOMPANISTS

- ◯ Recorded accompaniment **NOT** permitted *(except Jazz Guitar)*
- ◯ Teachers may **NOT** accompany their own students *(parents are permitted)*
- ◯ **Grades 1-6:** audition without accompaniment
- ◯ **Grades 7-12:** accompaniment is recommended if the piece includes piano/orchestral reduciton
- ◯ **College Tuition:** accompaniment is required if the piece includes piano/orchestral reduction
- ◯ **Vocalists:** accompanist is required, unless the piece is unaccompanied/a cappella
- ◯ **Classical guitar, harp, and percussion:** audition without accompaniment

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.

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS BERKS

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
Vicki Graff, Executive Director, at vgraff@yocuminstitute.org

Please contact organizations directly for more information!

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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 are welcome to apply!

HOW MUCH ARE THE AWARDS?

For students with significant need, the maximum scholarship for new applicants is $350, and maximum renewal award $600.

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.

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.

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.

Use RMF's Private Study/Instrument Upgrade application.
APPLY ONLINE

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

2027 APPLICATION DEADLINES

FEBRUARY 12
APRIL 23
JULY 16
OCTOBER 15

Application

3 NEED-SENSITVE 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.

Application

DEADLINE TO APPLY
APRIL 23, 2027

WHAT DO I NEED TO APPLY?

- ◯ **Completed Application**
- ◯ **Teacher Recommendation**
- ◯ **Written Essay:** Why do you want to attend summer music camp?

All instruments & voice are welcome to apply!

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 10, 2027

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

We encourage it!

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 with any specific questions. **www.readingmusicalfoundation.org/scholarships**