



Private Lesson Scholarship Application 2021

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The Private Lesson Scholarship provides financial assistance for students, K-8, in Durango and the surrounding areas by paying up to half of the total cost of private music lessons. Students must show interest towards a particular instrument and a desire to increase their musical knowledge as determined by teacher recommendation. Financial need is important for awarding the scholarships but is not the only criterion.

This application has three parts:

1. General Information, filled out in full, and signed by both the student and a parent or guardian.
2. An essay written by the student (see instructions on page 3).
3. A letter of recommendation by their music teacher.

The deadline for submitting applications is Thursday, November 12th. All awarded scholarships will be available starting January 1, 2021 and must be completed by July 15, 2021.

Send completed applications to:

Music in the Mountains

Attn: Angie Beach

P.O. Box 3751

Durango CO 81302

or email abeach@musicinthemountains.com.

ONLY COMPLETED APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE DEADLINE WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR AWARDS.

The Private Lesson Scholarship Award Reception will be held at a time and location TBD due to the pandemic. Information about the reception will be sent along with the scholarship acceptance letter. All scholarship recipients are expected to attend.

For more information on scholarship guidelines and eligibility requirement, please visit our website – www.musicinthemountains.com

Part 1 – Private Lesson Scholarship General Information

Application Date: _____

Student (Applicant) Information:

Name: _____ Age: _____ Birth Date: _____

Grade: _____ School: _____

Instrument: _____ Music Teacher: _____

Please provide contact information for at least one parent or guardian:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Have you received a Music in the Mountains Scholarship before? Yes No

If yes, how much financial aid were you awarded? _____

Have you participated in any other Music in the Mountains Goes to School programs? Yes No

If yes, which programs? _____

Does the student participate in the free or reduced price school lunch program? * Yes No

*Please note that by answering yes to this question, you agree to allow Music in the Mountains to verify this information with the Durango School District 9-R. If your child participates in the program, you are giving permission to the school district to release your child's name to Music in the Mountains solely for the purposes of this application.

Please sign below. If you are submitting this form as an email attachment, simply type your full names, which we will accept as your signature.

Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Student: _____ Date: _____

Part 2 – Private Lesson Scholarship Essay

On a separate page or email, write a short essay (300 to 600 words) in which you (the student), tell us at Music in the Mountains why receiving the Scholarship would be important to you.

To assist in your writing, you might think of the answers to the following suggestions and questions (write your answers as a continuous essay, though, not as separate responses to these questions). You may ask your parents for suggestions in writing your essay, but please do all of the actual writing by yourself. It is okay to have someone read through what you have written and makes suggestions.

- Describe why you chose to play your instrument. When did you first start playing your instrument, and how long have you been working on it? What do you like best about playing your instrument? What are some of your favorite pieces of music?
- This scholarship will help pay for private music lessons. Describe how you think you may benefit from those lessons. What will you learn from those lessons that you will not learn from your music class at school?
- This scholarship will provide your family financial assistance in paying for private music lessons. If there are any circumstances about your family or living situation that show you deserve to receive this financial assistance, describe them in your essay.
- Imagine yourself as a musician next year and farther in the future. What do you hope to be able to do musically? Where do you think that your study of music will lead? Tell us some of your hopes and dreams!

Part 3 – Private Lesson Scholarship Teacher Recommendation*

***To be completed by students private music instructor OR school music teacher.**

On a separate page or email, please write a recommendation about the student in which you assess their motivation, talent, discipline, experience, and anything else that you think may help the Music in the Mountains Education Committee make its decision concerning this student. If you can comment on the apparent financial need of the student, please do so. Keep in mind the students will need to supply their own transportation to lessons.

If writing recommendations for several students, it will be necessary to rename this document for each recommendation. Make the name of the document the same as the name of the student.

Recommendations must be submitted on or before **Wednesday, November 4, 2020**. Failure to return recommendation will result in an incomplete application.

Music Teacher (recommender): _____