



## Confidential Financial Aid Application 2011-2012

Through the generosity of many local donors, Winchester Community Music School is able to provide financial aid awards each year to qualified applicants. The School is committed to making our activities as accessible as possible for all.

Receiving financial aid requires the following commitment on your part: (1) regular attendance at lessons/classes, (2) regular practice at home, and (3) participation in informal performances.

Once a financial aid award is granted, it will be renewed for the second semester of a given year, as long as funds are available and the teacher comments favorably on the student's attendance, effort, and achievement through the semester progress report. A new financial aid application must be filled out each academic year. Families who receive financial aid are not eligible for other types of discounts. If you would like to discuss this application, please call (781) 721-2950.

*Sincerely yours,*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laurie Russell".

*Laurie Russell, Executive Director*

### **Instructions:**

When funds are available, Winchester Community Music School offers partial scholarships to students who need financial assistance. Most awards do not exceed 50% of the tuition. Aid is given on the basis of need, regardless of race, creed, or national origin. Aid is granted by the semester, according to guidelines established by the Financial Aid Committee of the WCMS Board of Trustees, and will be renewed on the basis of satisfactory semester progress reports. You will be notified only if aid cannot be continued. All applications will be handled as confidential material.

**Application Deadlines:** Applications will be considered in accordance to the following deadline schedule: Returning fall students: July 15, 2011; New fall students: August 15, 2011. New spring 2012 students: January 2, 2012; Summer Semester 2012 students: April 2, 2012 for early decision or May 15, 2012 for summer private lessons. After these dates, applications will be considered on a rolling basis as funds allow. All financial aid applications must be submitted before lessons begin.

Please return this application promptly to the above address to the attention of Laurie Russell, Executive Director. Applicants need to submit the appropriate registration fee and half of the required lesson deposit with their registration forms. You will be informed of your tuition balance after the financial aid awards are determined.

### **Winchester Community Music School Financial Aid Policy:**

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Winchester Community Music School may have limited funds available to provide financial aid to students and may award partial tuition waivers based on need to a limited number of students each term. WCMS will consider financial aid requests of 25-50% of tuition for one lesson or class per student. Child/youth applicants and adult seniors are given priority. Satisfactory student attendance and a positive attitude are prerequisites for returning students and expected for all students. Larger awards may be considered based on available funds, the Executive Director's recommendation and the Financial Aid Committee's approval, however, these are granted only on an exceptional need basis. Applicants not meeting the application deadlines and requirements may not be eligible for financial aid during that term. The Financial Aid Committee of the Board of Trustees reviews all applications in a blind process.