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## Confidential Financial Aid Application Instructions 2024-2025

Through the generosity of many 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 for the fall semester, it will be renewed for the spring 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, gender, sexual orientation, 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 from fall to spring 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 schedule: Returning fall students: June 1, 2024; New fall students: July 1, 2024 (early decision) or August 15, 2024. New spring 2025 students: January 11, 2025; Summer Semester 2025 students: May 1, 2025 for summer private lessons and programs. After any of these dates, applications will be considered on a rolling basis as funds allow during each semester. All financial aid applications must be submitted before lessons begin. Receiving an award during the school year does not guarantee an award for the summer semester.

Please return this application promptly to the attention of Laurie Russell, Executive Director via USPS mail or via email to [wcms@winchestermusic.org](mailto:wcms@winchestermusic.org). Applicants should submit the appropriate registration fee at the time of registration. 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.