



Spring 2019 Scholarship Program Information

March 1, 2019 – August 31, 2019

Application Due by Saturday, January 26, 2019, 4PM

The Neighborhood Music School (NMS) is proud to provide financial assistance to our very deserving students. All NMS Scholarship students participate in the cost of their private instruction at some level, even though that cost may be very minimal. It is our desire that NMS families and students value this gift of private music lessons.

Spring 2019 Scholarship Award Timeline:

- The scholarship award begins March 1, 2019 for all students. The last scholarship lesson will be taken by August 31, 2019. The scholarship award time span is a total of six months.
- Each lesson is scheduled once per week.
- *All scheduling arrangements are subject to availability.*
- Scholarships are not transferrable or extendable. All lessons must occur within the allotted time period.
- **All current Scholarship students must re-audition the week of February 4, 2018.** Students will be evaluated by the Scholarship Committee and their teachers based on: consistency of practice, lesson attendance, participation in ShowTime! and Recitals, and their audition. Each student's scholarship will be approved or denied for continuation for March 2019 –August 2019.

Please note the Community Calendar in the Main Hall for Tuition, ShowTime! dates, Recitals, Events/Field Trips, and School Closings. Please note the following School Closing dates Spring Rest (April 19 & 20), Memorial Day (May 27), Independence Day (July 4), Fall Scholarship Auditions (August 6, 7, 8, 9, 10).



Payments and Fees:

- The scholarship does not include the Annual Registration Fee. The Annual Registration fee for all students is \$12 per year and needs to be paid by all new students when signing up for lessons. New Scholarship Students must pay the annual registration fee no later than February 28 along with their first tuition payment.
- The Student Tuition Co-Payment for private lessons and ensembles is due by the **28th day of each preceding month.** (For instance, March tuition is due on February 28.) If tuition is not paid on time there will be a **late fee of \$18**, NO exceptions. ECMM tuition is paid before the beginning of each ECMM Session.

All Scholarship Recipients:

In order for your scholarship to commence, you must complete the following no later than Thursday, February 28, 2019:

- Turn in the completed Scholarship Acceptance Form at your Orientation
- Pay tuition, registration fees, and complete registration paperwork
- Schedule your lesson times with Liz Vidal in the Main Office

Maintaining Scholarship Awards

It is an honor to receive a Scholarship Award at NMS. Each student is required to fulfill the following requirements in order to keep their scholarship:

- Adhere to all Scholarship Guidelines
- Follow all policies and rules of the school
- Perform at ShowTime! and Recitals
- Be available to perform at various NMS and community functions

Failure to Comply

If a Scholarship Student fails to fulfill all the requirements listed in “Maintaining Scholarship Awards,” their scholarship **may be revoked**.

If you have any questions about the Scholarships, please contact Liz Vidal at Elizabeth@neighborhoodmusic.org; or call the Neighborhood Music School’s Main Office at 323-268-0762.

Giving Back to the Neighborhood Music School

All scholarship recipients and families are asked to “give back” to NMS by volunteering as needed. Parents, make sure to check in with us in the Main Office about volunteer opportunities.

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Scholarships are awarded:

- On the basis of financial need, and then merit
- For either private lessons or group classes
- To individuals (Each student from a family must apply separately and submit his/her own application)
- For one instrument at a time (Students taking lessons on different instruments must audition separately for each instrument)

For New Applicants

In order to be considered for a scholarship, applicants must:

- Show evidence of financial need
- Be in good financial standing with the school.
- Have interest and desire to study music
- Demonstrate talent through a successful audition. Fulfill all registration requirements and paperwork.
- Correctly complete all paperwork for the scholarship application
- Have academic ability as shown by most recent school report card
- Parents must sign an agreement to take responsibility for;
Have parental support
 - transporting the student to lessons on time
 - communicating with the school in advance to report an absence
 - supporting the growth of the student through maintaining a consistent and positive practice routine at home

For Continuing Scholarship Students:

In order to continue the scholarship, scholarship recipients must:

- Re-apply at the time of new auditions
- Comply with all school policies as written in the policy booklet received upon registration
- Participate in ShowTime! and NMS recitals
- Demonstrate consistent growth in complexity of technical and performance skills
- Have consistent and punctual attendance at all lessons
 - all absences should be reported 24 hours in advance of the lesson
 - in case of emergencies, notification to the school must be made as soon as possible
 - **three absences without advance notice will result in the loss of scholarship**
 - **more than five absences- excused or not- may result in the loss of scholarship**

Discrimination Policy:

It is the policy of the Neighborhood Music School Association not to discriminate on the basis of race, religion, creed, national and ethnic origin, sex, age, marital status or physical handicap in its consideration of scholarship applicants.

If you have any questions concerning the application and audition process, please feel free to email or call Liz Vidal at Elizabeth@neighborhoodmusic.org; or call NMS at (323) 268-0762. Thank you for your interest and we look forward to receiving your application!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND AUDITIONS

Scholarship Application Procedure:

- Complete all pages of the application.
- Attach all required documentation. See application for details.
- Applications must be received by **4pm on Saturday, January 26 , 2019.**
- Mail or hand-deliver applications to:
 - Scholarship Program
 - Neighborhood Music School
 - 358 South Boyle Ave.
 - Los Angeles, CA 90033
- OR email applications to: Elizabeth@neighborhoodmusic.org
Subject: "STUDENT NAME Scholarship App Spring 2019"
- Provide a reference from an adult who is NOT a family member.
- Current NMS students must also provide a reference from their current NMS teacher.

Scholarship Audition Procedure:

- Scholarship auditions will be scheduled after the application is turned in.
- An exact audition time will be assigned upon receipt and review of application.
- Audition times are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Please request an audition time when you turn in the application.**
- Auditions will be held **February 5, 6, 7 and 9** at:
Neighborhood Music School, 358 South Boyle Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90033.
- Returning Applicants should be prepared to perform a short musical selection on their main instrument.
- Applicants who have never had music lessons should be prepared to:
 - Sing a familiar song, such as *Happy Birthday*.
 - Show understanding of a simple musical skill that will be taught on the day of the audition.
- Applicants should arrive 15 minutes before their audition time.
- No make-up audition will be scheduled.

After the Audition

- Applicants will be notified of audition results by phone or email.
- New and continuing students must attend a scholarship student orientation with their parent(s) during the week of February 26, 2019.
- Current students will continue lessons beginning March 1 or the 1st full week of March.
- New students will begin their lessons beginning March 1 or the 1st full week of March.
Class times for new students must be scheduled at scholarship student orientation.

Scholarship Recipient Procedures:

Scholarship Award Information and contracts will be given to scholarship recipients at orientation. School policy, tuition co-payment, and other important information will be reviewed at orientation.

Do I Qualify? March 2019 – August 2019 Scholarships

Since 1914, the Neighborhood Music School has offered accessible, low-cost private music education to residents in Boyle Heights and the surrounding communities. NMS offers a limited number of student scholarships to ensure that eligible youth can receive quality music lessons at an affordable cost.

Question: Do I qualify for a Neighborhood Music School Scholarship?

Answer: If you can answer “yes” to the following questions, you may be a good fit for the Neighborhood Music School Scholarship Program.

1. Financial Eligibility

- Does my family show financial need?

You may qualify for a scholarship if your income does not exceed:	
Number of Individuals in Household	Maximum Income Guideline
1	\$ 16,150
2	\$ 21,890
3	\$ 27,640
4	\$ 33,380
5	\$ 39,130
6	\$ 44,870
7	\$ 50,620
8	\$ 56,370
9	\$ 62,110
10	\$ 67,860

- Are you able to provide documentation of financial need? (See Scholarship Application for a list of all required documentation)

2. Merit and Talent

- Am I comfortable performing a 1-2 minute piece or song in the scholarship audition during the week of February 4, 2019?

3. Comply with School Policies

- Am I able to show up to my lessons regularly and on time?
- Am I committed to completing all my assignments required by my teacher?
- Do I have enough time to practice regularly at home?

If you are able to answer “yes” to all or most of these questions, please consider applying!

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 358 South Boyle Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90033-3813 (323) 268-0762 Elizabeth@neighborhoodmusic.org
SPRING 2019 SCHOLARSHIP SESSION March 1, 2019 to August 31, 2019
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICATION DUE BY SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 4PM

Please PRINT or TYPE clearly

STUDENT INFORMATION					
LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		M.I.	DATE OF BIRTH
EMAIL			M / F		AGE AS OF 3/1/2019
ADDRESS				CITY	
STATE	ZIP	HOME PHONE		CELL PHONE	
SCHOOL(S) ATTENDING			SCHOOL GRADE FOR SPRING 2019		
DO YOU RECEIVE THE FREE LUNCH PROGRAM? YES NO N/A			DOES YOUR SCHOOL PROVIDE MUSIC CLASSES? YES NO N/A		
LIST ALL MUSIC ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF NMS (music classes, choirs, orchestras, religious)					
LIST THE NAMES OF YOUR MUSIC TEACHERS AND INSTRUMENT OUTSIDE OF NMS					

NMS ENROLLMENT STATUS				
CURRENT STUDENT? YES NO	INSTRUMENT	DAY/TIME	TEACHER	LESSON LENGTH
CURRENT STUDENT? YES NO	INSTRUMENT	DAY/TIME	TEACHER	LESSON LENGTH
CURRENT STUDENT? YES NO	INSTRUMENT	DAY/TIME	TEACHER	LESSON LENGTH

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION					
FATHER LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		M.I.	ALTERNATE PHONE
PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT		OCCUPATION		WORK PHONE	
FULL TIME?	PART TIME?	UNEMPLOYED?		AVERAGE MONTHLY PAY	
MOTHER LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		M.I.	ALTERNATE PHONE
PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT		OCCUPATION		WORK PHONE	
FULL TIME?	PART TIME?	UNEMPLOYED?		AVERAGE MONTHLY PAY	
IF DIVORCED/SEPARATED, WHO HOLDS PRIMARY CUSTODY?					
NAMES OF ALL DEPENDENTS			RELATIONSHIP TO PROVIDER		

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT NMS? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Current NMS student	<input type="checkbox"/>	Facebook	<input type="checkbox"/>	E-mail
<input type="checkbox"/>	NMS website	<input type="checkbox"/>	Event	<input type="checkbox"/>	Walk-In
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Flyer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Referral

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

NO. OF FAMILY MEMBERS (INCLUDING SELF)	TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME	
ADDITIONAL INCOME SOURCES (CHILD SUPPORT, ALIMONY, VETERAN'S BENEFITS, SOCIAL SECURITY, ETC.)		
GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE (TYPE AND MONTHLY AMOUNTS)		
FAMILY'S MONTHLY EXPENSES		
\$ _____	Monthly Housing Expense - Owned OR Renting	
\$ _____	Insurance (Medical, Car, etc.) (1/2 of annual premium)	
\$ _____	Medical/Dental expenses not covered by insurance	
\$ _____	Food (average monthly cost)	
\$ _____	Tuition (Total of all children) - Academic	
\$ _____	Tuition (Total of all children) - Music Tuition	
\$ _____	Other recurring expenses	
ASSETS (AS OF THE DATE ON THIS APPLICATION)		
\$ _____	Cash, savings and checking accounts	
\$ _____	Home equity (If you rent your house enter \$00)	
Other Real Estate and Investments	Present Values	Amounts Owed
Business or Farm	\$ _____	\$ _____
Automobiles	\$ _____	\$ _____
Year and Model	\$ _____	\$ _____
Year and Model	\$ _____	\$ _____

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I certify that all of the information stated on this application is true and correct. I understand that in order for my application to be considered, I must complete this application in full and provide copies of all documents requested. I authorize the Neighborhood Music School to verify any information included on this application, including income and employment status. I understand if my financial circumstances change during the scholarship award period, I will notify NMS of the change.

Submission of this application does not promise a scholarship award. The amount and term of all awards are made at the sole discretion of NMS. Any falsifications of information included in this application will result in the immediate termination of any scholarship award. All scholarship awards are made based on the availability of funds in NMS's budget, and may be modified or terminated at any time at NMS's sole discretion.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

AUDITION TIME AVAILABILITY

Please circle all available times during audition week Tuesday, February 5 to Saturday, February 9, 2019

Tuesday, Feb 5 (2:00-8:00PM) Wednesday, Feb 6 (2:00-8:00PM) Thursday, Feb 7 (2:00-8:00PM) Saturday, Feb 9 (9:30AM-5:00PM)

OFFICE USE ONLY:

DATE RECEIVED: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> In person	<input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail	<input type="checkbox"/> Mail
SCHEDULED AUDITION DAY & TIME: _____		DATE ENTERED: _____	

STUDENT NAME: _____

QUESTIONNAIRE

Tell us about your previous and current experience in music.

How long have you been studying? What is your skill level?

Tell us about where you have studied music. Have you attended classes at NMS?

List any professional and/or amateur appearances and groups you have performed with.

Why do you want to study at NMS? What do you hope to learn? What are your future artistic goals?

Why is music important to you?

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STUDENT NAME: _____

DOCUMENTATION

The following documentation must be included with this application in order to be considered for a scholarship award:

_____ **THIS APPLICATION FORM**

_____ **QUESTIONNAIRE**

_____ **REPORT CARD (MOST CURRENT)**

_____ **REFERENCES:**

All students must provide a reference from an adult who is not a family member, such as a coach, school teacher, religious education teacher, or day care provider.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS:

_____ **MOST RECENT FEDERAL TAX RETURN(S) (FORM 1040, 1040A, OR 1040-EZ, AND ALL SCHEDULES)**

If tax status is MARRIED FILING SEPARATE, both mother and father's tax returns must be submitted
If tax status is SINGLE, parent must have primary custody of children and be main source of support

AND

_____ **ALL W-2 AND 1099 FORMS THAT DOCUMENT THE INCOME REPORTED ON THE FEDERAL TAX RETURN**

If self-employed, Schedule C or Schedule C-EZ must be submitted to support income reported on the return

OR (IF TAX FORMS ARE NOT AVAILABLE)

_____ **TWO (2) MOST RECENT PAYCHECK STUBS (IF EMPLOYED)**

If both parents are employed and live together, paycheck stubs for both must be submitted
If primary custody held by only one parent, paycheck stubs for only the custodial parent should be submitted

_____ **GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE DOCUMENTATION (IF APPLICABLE)**

If receiving cash aid or food stamps, submit most recent pay stub (usually yellow) and/or Notice of Action (report of quarterly assistance)

PLEASE PROVIDE ONE (1) COPY OF THE REQUESTED DOCUMENTS WITH THIS APPLICATION

DO NOT SUBMIT ORIGINALS OF FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS OR REPORT CARDS

**ALL DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION
WILL BE RETAINED BY NMS FOR THE DURATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP**

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REFERENCE FORM FOR MUSIC STUDY SCHOLARSHIP

****CONFIDENTIAL****

Instructions for reference provider: Please answer the questions below and turn the original in to t h e Neighborhood Music School by January 26, 2019.

Name of Applicant: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Please share an observation or example that illustrates the Applicant’s interest in their studies (Musical and/or Academic).

Please circle the answer that best applies to the applicant in the categories below:							
5 – Excellent	4 – Very Good	3 – Good	2 – Fair	1 – Poor			
Desire and interest to study music	5	4	3	2	1	NA	
Commitment and discipline to musical studies	5	4	3	2	1	NA	
Overall commitment and discipline	5	4	3	2	1	NA	
Academic ability	5	4	3	2	1	NA	
Responsibility and personal character	5	4	3	2	1	NA	
Initiative and achievement	5	4	3	2	1	NA	

Your Name: _____

Relationship with Applicant: _____

Primary Phone: (_____) _____

E-Mail: _____

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