



Scholarship Application Form

All students seeking financial support must submit this application and accompanying materials by:

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

We value your privacy. The following information will be kept confidential.

PLEASE NOTE: this is an application for scholarship for the 2026-27 school year (Fall and Winter/Spring sessions only). Any awarded scholarships will not be applied to Summer 2027.

Student Name: _____ Age _____ Grade _____ School _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address (Street/City/State/Zip): _____

Parent Contact Info: Email _____ Home phone _____ Cell _____

Instrument: _____ Current Teacher: _____

2026-27 Academic Year Scholarship Awards

Scholarship awards for eligible candidates range anywhere from \$100 to a full scholarship for the 2026-27 academic year (August 24 - May 23). Please note that scholarship awards are dependent upon the amount of funding available and the number of eligible candidates. We cannot guarantee a particular amount or level of grant award.

Required steps to apply for a need-based scholarship.

1. Fill out this scholarship form.
2. On a separate attachment, please describe your reason(s) for requesting financial assistance from the Musical Offering.
3. Submit at least one piece of evidence that documents your financial need. Common forms of evidence may include:
 - a. A copy of the first page of your most recent Federal Income Tax form
 - b. Free or reduced school lunch eligibility (or current application if approval still pending)
 - c. Food stamps eligibility
 - d. Other evidence of public assistance

***You may either turn in these documents in person, email rickfergusonmo@gmail.com, or mail them to us at 743 Custer Ave. Evanston, IL 60202. Note that mail must be received by the August 11 deadline.*

4. Participate in **ONE** of the following:
 - a. **Preferred:** Arrange a time for your student to have a musical interview with Rick Ferguson, MO director by emailing rickfergusonmo@gmail.com. Be prepared to play or sing a piece of your choice for Rick and to discuss why you enjoy studying your instrument at the MO and why lessons are important to you.
 - b. Create a video audition consisting of one piece of your choice and a brief statement of why you enjoy studying your instrument at the MO and why lessons are important to you.

We agree to abide by the following guidelines for receiving scholarship assistance at The Musical Offering, should we receive an award: 1) Enroll in the each full session's lessons (17 weeks); 2) Attend all scheduled lessons; 3) Strive to meet and exceed our teacher's expectations; and 4) Attend or participate in additional MO events and/or activities beyond lessons during the upcoming academic year. (The calendar of student programming events and performance schedule can be found at www.themusicaloffering.org/school-calendar)

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

MO Director's signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you!

The Musical Offering does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, age, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital or veteran status.

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