



Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) Need-Based Scholarship – Application Information and Instructions

To help make learning at CSMA accessible to everyone, we offer scholarships to qualified students of all ages on the basis of financial need.

Scholarships may be used for all instructional programs offered at CSMA and are valid for one year, subject to funds availability. Awards are determined on a sliding-scale, and are given in the form of a percentage discount on member tuition rates. No funds are paid directly to students.

Awards may be used by any members of qualified households to enroll in CSMA classes, ensembles, camps, and private instruction. Scholarships are limited to two areas of study per person, per term. Each person may take up to two classes/ensembles/camps OR private instruction with one teacher plus one class/ensemble/camp per term.

The scholarship application consists of two parts:

1. Application form
2. Required supporting documents. Submit each of the following, when applicable, to document the sources of gross income stated on the application form:
 - *(All applicants)* Most recent Federal Income Tax return, including schedules, for all household members and/or non-household members who claim the student(s) as a dependent. If you did not file Federal Income Tax returns, indicate this on the application.
 - Most recent pay stub(s) or statement of anticipated income from self-employment
 - Department of Social Services letter stating public assistance amounts
 - Proof of child support, maintenance, or alimony
 - Proof of adoption or guardianship assistance
 - Proof of Social Security, SSI, or Survivor's benefits
 - Proof of pensions, annuities, or other retirement payments
 - Proof of Unemployment Compensation
 - Proof of disability benefits, including Worker's Compensation
 - Proof of student stipends and assistantships
 - Proof of income from other sources

Applications must include all supporting documentation in order to be considered.

Applicants who can be claimed as a dependent on someone else's income tax return must include that person's income information, income documentation, and a copy of their tax return.

All information will be kept strictly confidential.

To allow time for application review, please complete and return all of the above items to CSMA at least two weeks prior to intended enrollment in programs. Submit materials by mail, e-mail, or in person to:

Scholarship Committee
Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA)
330 East Martin Luther King Jr. / State Street
Ithaca, NY 14850

Questions? Contact (607) 272-1474 or info@csma-ithaca.org. We look forward to reviewing your application!

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This form must be completed by an adult who will serve as the contact person for the household.

Name
Street Address
E-mail Address
Home Phone

Cell Phone

Please list and provide information for all household members in the table below. A household includes all people who live in one house and share income and expenses. **Report gross income for each source, and how often it is received (ex: \$234/week).**

Name of Household Member	Date of Birth	Gross Wages, Salary, Stipends, Self-employment Earnings	Child Support, Alimony	Public Assistance, TANF	Social Security, SSI	Pensions, Retirement Payments	All Other Income, Unemployment, Disability	No Income
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Submit additional sheets as needed

- Federal Income Tax return filed for previous year Federal Income Tax return NOT filed for previous year
- On a separate sheet, describe any significant changes in your financial situation this year, since filing your most recent tax return.
 - Does any other person, not in your household, contribute directly to the support of any household members?
 - No Yes If yes, what is the amount and frequency of that contribution? \$ _____ / _____.

I certify that, to my knowledge, all information provided for this application is correct and all income is reported.

Signature:

Date: