



## MUSIC PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in the RiverArts Music Scholarship Program. We recognize that for some the cost of private music lessons can be prohibitive. We would like to be able to offer music lessons to any deserving and enthusiastic student.

We are pleased to be able to offer scholarships for each semester. The amount of scholarship money available in any particular year is based upon donations to the scholarship fund.

Scholarships are awarded according to need based criteria, with preference given to those families who might not otherwise be able to afford music lessons. The size of each scholarship awarded will be determined based on the amount of scholarship funds available, and the relative need of the family. The enclosed one page scholarship application form is designed to help the scholarship committee make these determinations.

**Before filling out the application, if you have not already done so, please register for the program.** Registration can be done quite easily at our website, [www.riverarts.org](http://www.riverarts.org).

All information in the application is held in the strictest confidence. The Executive Director is the only one who will see the completed applications. Personally identifiable information will be deleted before members of the scholarship committee view it. This will help ensure that scholarships are awarded in a fair and equitable manner.

**The committee will meet just before the start of each semester to award the first round of scholarships.** After that first meeting, if scholarship money remains, they will meet as additional applications are submitted.

Scholarships for students applying for the first time will be awarded solely based upon need. Criteria for returning scholarship students will also include an informal review of the student's progress during the previous semester as well as his/her commitment to music lessons and practicing on a regular basis.

We hope that through this process we will be able to make your child's desire for music lessons a financial possibility for your family. Thank you for your interest and your scholarship application.

If you have any questions about the Music Program or the scholarship process, do not hesitate to contact the RiverArts Executive Director directly:

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# MUSIC PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2015 –2016

CHILD’S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HAVE you received a music scholarship before? \_\_\_\_\_

1) DO YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE CHILD YOU WISH TO ENROLL IN THE PROGRAM? \_\_\_\_\_

2) INCOME INFORMATION:

FATHER’S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MOTHER’S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_ EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_

ANNUAL SALARY: \_\_\_\_\_ ANNUAL SALARY: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include the first two pages of the family’s most recently filed Federal Income Tax Return with this application along with a brief explanation of any expected changes in the current year. Failure to provide income documentation will disqualify consideration for a scholarship.** If you did not file an income tax return, please include a complete explanation of your situation below.

3) FAMILY INFORMATION:

PARENTS’ MARITAL STATUS: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLD: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST CHILDREN’S NAMES AND AGES:

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Please explain briefly why you are applying for a scholarship (include any information that might be helpful such as: unusual medical expenses, unemployment, major business loss, limited resources, etc. Feel free to use the back if you need more space.)

Mail Scholarship Application and income verification, if required, to:  
**Doug Marouk-Coe, Executive Director, PO Box 60, Hastings on Hudson, N.Y. 10706**

Mark envelope: **CONFIDENTIAL**