



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION & APPLICATION

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

Thank you for your interest in applying for a Scholarship from the Bozeman Friends of Music. These \$250 scholarships may be used to purchase or rent a band or orchestra instrument, take private lessons, or attend a summer music camp.

HOW TO APPLY

All applicants must be Bozeman Public Schools band, choir, or orchestra students in grades 5-11.

1. Complete the following application form. **Email the form and your essay** to scholarships@bfom.org. (All applications and teacher recommendations are being accepted electronically. If this is a hardship for you, please contact Suzy Rea at 818-388-4655.)
2. Write an essay explicitly describing the purpose for which the scholarship will be used and the impact the scholarship will have on your interest, participation, and/or commitment to music.
3. Have one of your music teachers (private or school music teacher) complete the attached recommendation form. Be certain your teacher knows for what purpose you will use the scholarship. **Ask the teacher to email their recommendation to scholarships@bfom.org.**

Do not send the recommendation letter with your application or you will be disqualified.

Only one recommendation will be read, so please just send one. Please ask your teacher for the recommendation well in advance of the deadline. All application materials must be received via email by midnight on April 1st.

4. Return the forms by the application deadline to: scholarships@bfom.org
(If you have trouble emailing your application, please contact Suzy Rea at 818-388-4655 before April 1 to discuss other submission options.)

CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING AWARDS

- Application and recommendation must be completed and emailed by 11:59 pm on April 1. No exceptions.
- Specific purpose for which scholarship will be used.
- Quality of essay.
- Strength of the music teacher's recommendation.
- Preference is given to applicants who have not received a scholarship in the past year.

Please Note Winners' names will be published in local media and on the Friends of Music website.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

- 4/1 -- Deadline for submission of application (must be emailed by 11:59 pm on April 1.)
5/1 -- Winners of scholarships will be notified by email and by post
6/1 -- Last day for recipients to send in acceptance letter
6/30 -- All checks should be distributed to recipients.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Review the **Frequently Asked Questions** at www.bozemanfriendsofmusic.com or email scholarships@bfom.org.

BOZEMAN FRIENDS OF MUSIC
Application for Music Scholarship

STUDENT NAME _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ PARENT PHONE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PARENT EMAIL _____ STUDENT EMAIL _____

CURRENT GRADE LEVEL IN SCHOOL _____ (must be presently in grades 5-11)

SCHOOL _____ (must be currently a Bozeman School District music student)

INSTRUMENT _____ MUSIC GROUPS _____

HAVE YOU APPLIED BEFORE? (Y/N) _____ YEARS SCHOLARSHIP RECEIVED _____

PLEASE WRITE A SHORT ESSAY (do not exceed 250 words typed or neatly written) THAT ANSWERS THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. For what purpose will the scholarship be used? **Please be specific.** Give us the name of the music teacher, camp, etc. Keep in mind that scholarships are generally awarded for music camps, music lessons, or purchasing a band/orchestra instrument. Information regarding various summer music camps may be obtained from your music teacher or the Music Office at Willson School (522-6017). If you have a camp deadline, please include this information in your essay.
2. Why have you chosen to use the scholarship in this way? In other words, what impact will the scholarship have on your interest, participation, and/or commitment to music?

GIVE THE ATTACHED RECOMMENDATION FORM TO ONE OF YOUR MUSIC TEACHERS along with a copy of your application so they know for what you are applying. Ask them to separately email their recommendation. We should receive **one email from the applicant** with the form and essay and **one email from a teacher with a recommendation.** We encourage children of music teachers to have a teacher other than their parent complete the recommendation.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature (required)

EMAIL THE APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS TO:

BFOM Scholarship Committee
SCHOLARSHIPS@BFOM.ORG

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BOZEMAN FRIENDS OF MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP
RECOMMENDATION FORM

TO BE COMPLETED BY A MUSIC TEACHER

Dear Music Teacher,

The student named below is applying for a music scholarship from the Bozeman Friends of Music. Your help in selecting the most deserving students for these awards is greatly appreciated. Please fill out this recommendation form and email it separately from the student's application to:

BFOM Scholarship Committee
scholarships@bfom.org

Please submit your recommendation as an attachment to your email. If you are doing recommendations for multiple students, please have a separate attachment for each person.

If emailing proves difficult, please contact Suzy Rea at 818-388-4655 for a physical mailing address. Please note that all recommendations need to be in by 11:59pm on April 1 or the student will be disqualified.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful comments.

STUDENT NAME _____

To be completed by the music teacher:

Please respond on this form to the items below. Written comments help us determine recipients.

What word comes to mind when you think of this student? _____

How strongly do you feel that this student is deserving of this scholarship? Please circle one.

1	2	3	4	5
slightly		somewhat		very

Comments:

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Please contact SUZY REA AT 818-388-4655 OR scholarships@bfom.org with questions or comments. If you feel this recommendation may be late, please call me.