



2017-18 SCPA PRIVATE MUSIC LESSON SCHOLARSHIP POLICY (Grades 7-12 Only)

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Private music lessons are available to students in grades K-12. Please note, the information detailed in this packet is intended for students in grades **7-12 only** that are interested in **applying for the private music lesson scholarship assistance**. If a student is not in grades 7-12 and does not qualify for a scholarship but would like to take private music lessons, please refer to the private lesson teacher directory for more information. Students in grades K-3 may take Suzuki lessons and students in grades 4-12 may study with a private lesson teacher.

Three types of music lesson scholarships will be awarded for the 2017-18 school year to 7-12th grade students: (1) Financial Need Based Scholarship; (2) Artistic Merit Based Scholarship; and (3) Carlson Berne Scholarship. The Financial Need Based and Merit Based scholarship is **only awarded to students for lessons taken related to the student's arts major**. (Note: Although SCPA does not offer a guitar major, private music lessons are available with scholarship for students interested in guitar lessons.) The Financial Need Based Scholarship and Artistic Merit Based Scholarship will cover exactly $\frac{1}{2}$ of the private lesson cost for the year. The parent/guardian is responsible for paying the remaining half of lesson fee directly to the teacher. If a student is not in grades 7-12 and would like to take private music lessons, please refer them to the private lesson teacher(s) directory for more information. The Carlson Berne scholarship amount will cover music lessons for a school year and will be renewable annually as long as the student maintains eligibility. The CB scholarship will cover exactly 75% of the private lesson cost for the year. The parent/guardian is responsible for paying the remaining portion of lesson fee directly to the teacher. Carlson Berne selects the students from the application process (this application differs from the Artistic Merit Based and Financial Need Based scholarships provided by SCPA). The scholarships are awarded based on commitment and financial need and follows the student throughout their high school education.

*(Note: A limited amount of full SCPA scholarships are available and will be determined on an individual bases by the Artistic Director.)

Scholarship Criteria for the Financial Need Based Lesson Scholarship:

- The student must currently be enrolled at SCPA.
- The student must be a current Instrumental Music or Vocal Music Major in good standing.

- Instrumental music major students in **grades 7-12** will be given first consideration and priority. Vocal music major students in **grades 9-12** will be given first consideration and priority. This scholarship is not available to primary grade level students.
- The student's family must apply and receive confirmation of eligibility for the CPS Free Lunch Program.
- The student must have earned passing ratings on all Arts Boards Proficiency Exams from the 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years.
- The student must have maintained a grade point average of a B in his/her music courses at SCPA for the 2016-17 school year.
- The student must have earned good academic standing status (no failing quarter/semester grades) at SCPA from the previous school year.
- The student must demonstrate a strong work ethic and positive attitude toward musical practice and study.
- The student must study onsite with an SCPA approved private lesson teacher.
- Students in **grades 7-12** must participate in the Community Service Ushering Program for Major Productions at SCPA.

Scholarship Criteria for Artistic Merit Based Lesson Scholarship:

- The student must currently be enrolled at SCPA as an Instrumental Music Major or Vocal Music Major. Scholarships are not offered to non-music majors.
- Instrumental music major students in **grades 7-12**. Vocal music major students must be in **grades 9-12**. Preference will be given to older high school students in the top ensembles who are preparing for college entrance in music fields of study.
- The student must have demonstrated very high performance skills during the 2016-17 school year.
- The student must have participated in a local, district, regional or national music event, competition, festival or ensemble during the 2016-17 school year.
- The student must have earned excellent ratings on over 50% of all Arts Boards Proficiency Exams from the 2015-16 and the 2016-17 school years.
- The student must have earned no grade lower than a B in his/her music courses at SCPA for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years.
- The student must have earned good academic standing status (no failing quarter/semester grades) at SCPA from the previous school year.
- The student must have demonstrated excellent behavior with no instance of serious disciplinary actions (i.e. in school suspension, alternate location placement, expulsion) at SCPA from the previous two school years.
- **The student must demonstrate a strong desire to achieve musical excellence by maintaining a rigorous musical practice and study regimen.**
- A referral must be submitted on behalf of an arts teacher recommending the student.

***Scholarship Criteria for Full Scholarship:**

- A limited amount of full scholarships are available and will be determined on an individual bases by the Artistic Director. To be considered for a full scholarship the student must follow the criteria of the financial need base scholarship, demonstrate financial need and qualify for 100% free lunch.

Scholarship Criteria for the Carlson Berne Scholarship:

- An openness to learn about and play classical music; an interest in playing an instrument and enrolled in an instrumental music program if available.
- The parent/guardian must demonstrate financial need as evidenced by eligibility for federal free/reduced lunch program.
- Entering grades 7-12, or by agreement with concert nova and the Carlson-Berne Fund.
- Demonstrate a strong work ethic and positive attitude toward musical practice and study.

Application Process:

Complete and submit a signed SCPA **Private Music Lesson Scholarship Application**, found in this packet. (*Carlson-Bern applications must be obtained from the Artistic Director's Office.)

- Please be sure to complete Consent Form for Release of CPS Free Lunch Program on the back of the application. Make sure you have applied through CPS for Free Lunch. If you have not yet applied, applications may be picked up at SCPA during business hours.
- Scholarship recipients are selected by the SCPA Music Faculty and the SCPA Artistic Director. Scholarships are funded and made possible through the generosity of private donors and private foundations.
- Scholarship applications must be submitted, directly to the Artistic Director's office, no later than **Friday, August 25th by 4:00pm** in order to be considered for a music lesson scholarship for the 2017-18 school year.
- You will receive notification, via email, regarding the status of your application by Friday, September 1st. This will ensure that you are able to have your child start private music lessons on the week of September 4th - 8th. In addition, your private lessons teacher(s) will be notified if your child has been awarded a scholarship or not and will relay the status of your application to you and the payment process.