

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

Financial aid is awarded based on household income eligibility. Requests for financial aid must be accompanied by your most recent federal tax return, public assistance documentation, free/reduced lunch determination letter, or proof of unemployment. Incomplete applications cannot be processed. Supporting documentation cannot be returned; please submit photocopies only. Multiple students from the same family may be listed on a single application. **The student account must be current in order to be considered for financial aid.** All information submitted will be kept in strict confidence.

Date _____ Student name _____ New/returning student _____

Date of birth _____ Grade _____ School _____

Private teacher(s) _____ Instrument/Class _____

Length of lesson(s) _____ Length of time studying instrument(s) _____

Student is a member of (please circle all that apply): school choir / school band / school orchestra / Kalamazoo Children's Chorus / Training Orchestra / Prep Strings Orchestra / Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Orchestra

Other musical activity _____

Other family members studying at Crescendo _____

Parent/Guardian(s) _____

Address _____

Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____ (cell) _____

Email address(es) _____

Income information (from 1040 income tax return):

Total number of exemptions _____ Adjusted gross income _____ Earned income credit _____

Qualify for free/reduced lunch? _____ Amount of assistance requested per lesson/class _____

Please list any unusual circumstances (such as medical expenses, recent unemployment or changes in income) that may affect your eligibility for financial aid. Also list any additional information that could affect our decision. (Attach additional pages/documentation if necessary.)

Student/Parent/Guardian signature(s) _____



FINANCIAL AID GUIDELINES

Following are the Crescendo Academy of Music (CAM) financial aid policies and procedures. It should be understood that funding for financial assistance through CAM is limited as it is dependent upon grants and donations received. However, every effort will be made to assist those students who, because of financial difficulties, would otherwise be unable to study at CAM.

Policies

Recipients of financial assistance must reapply at the beginning of each new school year. Aid is applied on a per lesson basis and is not given to the student in the form of cash. When there is a reduction in the length of lesson time, the award will be decreased proportionally. Any increase in lesson time during the year does not automatically result in a proportionate increase in the award; a new application for aid must be completed. A withdrawal for any length of time results in a loss of financial aid; upon your return, you must reapply.

The acceptance of financial assistance from CAM carries with it an obligation on the part of the student to attend lessons on a regular basis and work diligently on making progress in his/her principal area of concentration. Aid may be withdrawn at any time if, in the opinion of the principal teacher and/or the Executive Director, the recipient fails to meet the minimum standard which is expected by the teacher and CAM. The receipt of aid one year does not guarantee assistance in future years.

Recipients of financial aid are expected to follow the policies of Crescendo Academy of Music as stated in the Fees & Attendance Policies. Recipients are also expected to perform in recitals and, if applicable, participate in their school ensemble and extracurricular musical activities.

Procedures

Crescendo is committed to providing assistance to those students who might otherwise be unable to study at the academy. Limitations in the amount of aid available may mean that not every student with a demonstrated need can be assisted. All applications received will be considered equally and the academy will assist as many students as possible.

Applicants must submit a copy of their most recent federal tax return, public assistance documentation, free/reduced lunch determination letter, or proof of unemployment. Additional information which might affect the decision of CAM to grant aid must be detailed as part of the application. Such information might include unusual medical expenses or expenses for education. Please document such expenses.

Recipients must sign a letter of agreement accepting the financial aid award. **In every instance, the student is expected to contribute monetarily to the cost of his/her lessons.**

Office Use

Current account balance _____ Date _____ If balance due, parent contacted on _____ Initials _____
Application rec'd. on _____ Income documentation rec'd. on _____ Parent contacted on _____
Notes: