

2023-2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



The **Tucson Jazz Music Foundation** awards *tuition* and *travel scholarships* to middle and high school students whose families are experiencing financial difficulties and/or other hardships. Candidates must have a desire to learn and practice, demonstrate their abilities through an audition process (*for placement*), and have the support of their families/guardians as they honor the commitments and follow the prescribed guidelines set forth by the desired educational music programs.

Applying for a **TUITION Scholarship** to: (name of school/instructor) _____
 TRAVEL Scholarship to: (destination/school) _____

Scholarship awards vary in amounts depending on the degree of financial need and completeness of supporting documentation. Not all costs may be covered, but some amount of assistance will be provided if all requirements are met in this application.

TO APPLY: Applicant must show evidence of *financial need* and a desire to study music.

- Please complete the information below - PRINT - *indicate whether ZERO or O (alpha), 1 or I, 7 or 1, etc.*
- Write a paragraph (or more) on why you (*applicant*) would like to study jazz music.
- Provide *two letters of recommendation* from your teachers and/or family members (*parents included*) that speak to your character, discipline and desire.
- Parents/guardians must provide an *original letter with signature (no emails)* with the application stating all the information provided is accurate and true.

EVIDENCE of financial need may be

- most recent *tax return* showing a combined family income of \$40,000 or less with any adjustments for number of dependents and other circumstances leading to hardship, i.e., *parent in nursing home, medical expenses, alimony, etc.*
 - *Federal Lunch Program** participation (*not Rio Rico and Nogales School Districts*)
 - insured under AHCCSS* (AZ health)
- *Please attach documentation showing evidence of the applicant's participation. *All information will be kept confidential.*

APPLICANT'S NAME _____ INSTRUMENT(S) _____ AGE _____
Please PRINT

SCHOOL / GRADE _____ TOWN _____

ADDRESS/CITY/ZIP CODE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME 1: _____

PHONE (s) _____

Best time to call: _____

EMAIL(s) _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME 2: _____

PHONE (s) _____

Best time to call: _____

EMAIL(s) _____

APPLICANT'S PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

REQUIRED SERVICE

All families of scholarships recipients are required to provide a 'service' during the scholarship period to help with fundraising activities. You may volunteer your time (2-4 hrs) working TJMF fundraising events, secure items and/or services for TJMF raffles and auctions, and help with TJMF fundraising at public performances and events.

▶▶▶ Please acknowledge that you understand this service requirement by *initialing* here: _____

TJMF ATTENDANCE POLICY FOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

If the applicant is approved for a tuition scholarship, consistent attendance is mandatory. More than two (2) unexcused absences during the scholarship period will place the scholarship student on probation. Failure to notify the school of absences, and 'casual' attendance will terminate the student's scholarship. You will then need to review your financial obligations with your school.

➤➤➤ Please acknowledge that you understand the TJMF ATTENDANCE POLICY by initialing here: _____

PRACTICE POLICY

Practice outside of the classroom is required and expected of all music students, with specific direction from your instructor(s). Most scholarship recipients are expected to practice three (3) hours per week at a minimum. The goal is to show 'improvement,' and more practice hours may be required to improve. Failure to practice (improve) and follow your instructor's 'practice' instructions will remove your eligibility for future scholarship consideration.

➤➤➤ Please acknowledge that you understand the PRACTICE POLICY by initialing here: _____

EVALUATIONS

Instructors and scholarship recipients will be asked to complete simple evaluations at the end of the scholarship period, which could be in December, May, and July. These evaluations will provide the TJMF Scholarship Committee with important information to determine the value of your learning. TJMF sponsored trips to festivals, competitions, and conferences will also require the completion of evaluations/surveys to determine what learning occurred and the value of the trip.

Failure to return the evaluations in a timely basis, by the designated deadline, will jeopardize your ability to receive scholarships in the future.

➤➤➤ Please acknowledge that you understand EVALUATION FORMS must be completed and returned by the deadline by initialing here: _____

COMMENTS: _____

SUBMIT the application (address below) with required documents to the **Tucson Jazz Music Foundation**. *Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.* Checklist:
____ Applicant's Paragraph
____ Financial Need Evidence
____ 2 Letters of Recommendation
____ Cover Letter (original signature)
____ Initial Understanding of Volunteer Obligations, Consistent Attendance & Practice, and Completion & Submission of all Evaluations on a timely basis (school, travel)

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