Adult Music-Making Programs
Scholarship Request

THE PROGRAM

The mission of the Museum of Making Music (MoMM) Is to explore the accomplishments and impact of the music products industry through interactive exhibitions and programs and to directly connect people with hands on music making. The Museum, and its parent organization the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM), share a vision wherein the joy of music making is a precious element of daily living for everyone; where every child has a deep desire to learn music and a recognized right to be taught; and in which every adult is a passionate champion and defender of that right.

Adult Music Scholarships offers adults (21 yrs. and older) and seniors with either no music experience, or those who haven't played their instruments in many years, the opportunity to be a part of either the North Coast Strings Orchestra or the North Coastal New Horizons Band. These programs, which are directed by professional musicians and coaches, are designed to encourage adults to enter—or re-enter—the wonderful, invigorating world of active music making. Each week more than 150 individuals explore music making in a non-competitive, positive learning environment that provides both full group rehearsals as well as breakout sessions with professional musicians, and at least five performance opportunities per year. For the beginner, it's the start of a wonderful experience. For the person coming back, it's a joyful time renewed. In each instance, learning, staying engaged and active, and being part of a shared community effort are the goals and benefits.

One of the most important aspects of this program, is that any adult who aspires to play a musical instrument for enjoyment and health will have access to this program, regardless of financial constraints. Financial assistance can cover monthly dues or instrument rental fees among other expenses.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

The funds awarded to scholarship recipients are provided directly by donors. To ensure we are responsible stewards of available funds, and for non-profit status auditing procedures applicants are required to provide documentation to verify household income. Scholarship funding will not be approved without verification of income in one of two categories-**Expedited Verification (A)** or **Traditional Verification (B).**

Applying is easy, and confidential. We shred proof of income documentation once completed, or you can request it to be returned to you after the financial allocation has been determined. It is our goal to make sure you feel supported through this process, and included in our program. We treat all applicants with the utmost privacy and respect, and are passionate about having you join our MoMM Adult Music Family!

Step 1: Pick what verification process applies best to your situation, and attach required proof to application.

Expedited Verification (A)

Expedited Verification Applicants receiving aid from county or state agencies have already undergone a thorough income verification process. We will accept documentation **of one of the following** for express verification:

• Cash Aid, CalFresh (Food Stamps), CalWorks Notice of Approval

• Kin-GAP, Foster Care Notice of Approval   • Medi-Cal Benefits Identification Card

• WIC Statement Letter/Voucher   • HUD/Section 8 Statement Letter

Need help accessing your documents? If you receive aid from one of these programs but need a copy of your notice of action, please contact your case worker or visit https://www.mybenefitscalwin.org/ to print out a copy.

Traditional Verification (B)

We will require **the following (1&2)** for traditional verification:

1) Most recent tax return - first two pages of Forms 1040 or 1040A

* Self-employed individuals must include Schedule C

2) Most recent pay stubs or if applicable a copy of your SSI/Disability Statement/or Unemployment Benefits Letter.

Step 2: Fill out Personal Information/Statement of Needed Support:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____**E-Mail:**_____

This is a scholarship request for a:
_____ 50% Scholarship   _____ 75% Scholarship   _____100% Full Scholarship

I am over 21 years of age:

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Personal Information/Statement of Needed Support:

Please provide a paragraph on why you should be considered to receive support, and include any special circumstances.

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Step 3: Sign Statement of Understanding:

Should I need to continue assistance, I understand this application must be renewed twelve months from the date submitted by your signature below.

I certify that the above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, and that I, along with other adults listed, do not have additional income not represented above. I agree, if necessary, to send additional information and documentation to support the above statements. I understand that scholarships are awarded based on need. In the event that I must cancel my/our participation, I will contact the Museum of Making Music immediately so that scholarship can be applied to others. I understand that if I falsify any of the above information, *or do not submit proof of income* I will not be eligible for assistance now and/or in the future.

I understand that in receiving financial assistance, the Museum of Making Music is committing to my learning experience. In turn, I will make every attempt to attend at least two-thirds of the scheduled rehearsals for North Coast Strings or New Horizons Band, and be present at all performances.

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Signature   *Date*

You many also send documents electronically as needed. Should you need further assistance please contact:

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*If awarded funds, we ask that you please feel free to share your program experience with our donors. How did the program impact you? What was your experience? How did the gift of music impact your life? Addressing the letter *Dear Donor* is appreciated, and please keep them secular.