

Marsha's Music Scholarship Program
Fall 2020 - Summer 2021



Dear Marsha's Music Family,

Thank you for your interest in participating in our scholarship program. Marsha's Music scholarship program is a need-based, sliding scale program that allows families who would otherwise be unable to participate in our Music Together program to take classes each semester. Families are asked to "pay as they are able" so that they can continue in the program each semester and then show support for their children's class by fulfilling a small volunteer commitment. Music Together is meant to be experienced over a long period of time so most families stay in the program for at least a year and many stay for 2-4 years. For example, some families on scholarship pay \$180 each semester (\$50 scholarship) while others pay the minimum, which is \$80 (\$150 scholarship) for the 2020-2021 year. A family's scholarship amount can remain the same each semester, or can increase/ decrease as a family's financial situation changes.

The scholarship amount and tuition rates that each family pays are to be kept in strict confidence by both the family and Marsha's Music. Marsha's Music is happy to have other families know about the scholarship program, but since it is an honor system, it is not fair to anyone if specific amounts paid are shared with others.

In return for participating in our classes each semester for a reduced scholarship tuition rate, scholarship families are asked to volunteer at least 3 hours each semester.

Pre-COVID, Marsha's Music offered various volunteer opportunities, including:

1. Putting up flyers and posters prior to the beginning of each semester, for Fam Jams, and other events
2. Volunteering at Fam Jams, school fairs, Children's Bookfair and other events
3. Other volunteer opportunities such as cleaning instruments, and preparing semester materials
4. Any other special help/expertise a family can offer

During COVID, volunteer opportunities include:

1. Writing reviews on Google, Yelp, Facebook and any other social media platforms
2. Sharing information about registration on parenting forums such as Hyde Park's Parent Support Network (PSN), Northside Parent Network (NPN), University of Chicago Family Resource Center, etc.

To be eligible for a scholarship, please complete the scholarship application and return to:

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Marsha's Music 2020-2021 Scholarship Application

Child(ren)'s Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Yearly Household Income (Please check one option):

_____ Under \$25,000

_____ \$25,000 - \$50,000

_____ \$50,000 - \$75,000

_____ \$75,000 - \$100,000

_____ Over \$100,000

Number of Members in Household: _____ Parent Marital Status: Single / Married

Any special circumstances we should know? _____

Semester tuition for the 2020-2021 academic year (Fall 2020 - Summer 2021) is \$230 for online Zoom classes. I am able to pay \$ _____ per semester for my family to attend class for the 2020-2021 year and will volunteer at least 3 hours per semester to maintain my scholarship.

Parent Signature

Date