



PRATT MUSIC FOUNDATION

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PRATT MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

This is a 7-page application package. Please be sure you have all seven pages.

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Illinois Wesleyan University Music Preparatory Department

A limited number of students (grade 2-12) are accepted in piano and stringed instruments for instruction in music performance and musicianship skills. The work is normally carried on in a combination of group and private lessons.

The calendar of the department coincides with the academic year.

For more information call or email:

309-827-5534

prattmusicfoundation@gmail.com

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Pratt Music Scholarships. The Pratt Music Foundation was established to promote music education, with an emphasis on classical strings and piano, in the Bloomington-Normal area. The generous support of donors in the community allows us to grant music scholarships to elementary and secondary school students in the Bloomington-Normal area.

The recipient of a Pratt Music Scholarship is provided tuition for an academic year (including the following summer) of instruction in piano or strings at the **Illinois Wesleyan University Music Preparatory Program**, conducted on the campus of Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington. Instruction consists of individual weekly lessons.

Award Criteria. Scholarships are awarded based on financial need, talent, and motivation. While most scholarships are awarded to students who have already had some instruction, students with no musical experience are also considered.

Eligibility. Any student in grades 2 through 12 and capable of regularly attending instruction will be considered. As a practical matter, most students are drawn from the Bloomington-Normal area.

Acceptance To The Prep Program. Scholarships are awarded contingent on the student's acceptance into the Prep Program (that is, scholarship students must apply to, and be accepted into, the Prep Program).

The attached application details the information which we use in selecting scholarship recipients.

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PRATT MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP STANDARDS

The **Pratt Music Foundation** has the following standards for its scholarship recipients. Each student's continued eligibility is dependent on meeting all standards.

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Attendance: Attend lessons regularly, be on time, and notify your teacher if a lesson must be missed.

Practice: Practice regularly, and be well-prepared for each lesson.

Musical Achievement: Demonstrate progress throughout the year and participate in selected recitals.

Appreciation: Write a *thank you note* (from the scholar) to the **Pratt Music Foundation** upon notification of scholarship award.

Summer Lessons: Participate in the summer lessons program (after the end of this academic year).



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Scholarship Application Page 1

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Application Date (due May 1):

This is an application for a **Pratt Music Foundation Scholarship** for students in grades 2-12. Scholarships provide weekly individual lessons in the selected instrument through the **IWU Music Preparatory Program** on the campus of **Illinois Wesleyan University** during the academic year (summer lessons are also covered). Scholars are encouraged to continue their participation in school and community music groups.

Student Name (please print)	Birthdate (Month Day Year)
Address	Grade and School Next Fall
City State Zip	Instrument Being Applied For (Circle One) Violin Viola Cello Piano

Parent1/Guardian	Occupation and Employer																			
Parent2/Guardian	Occupation and Employer																			
Phone	Email	Can You Transport Your Child To Lessons?																		
Student is eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch (Check One)? <input type="checkbox"/> Free Lunch <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced Lunch <input type="checkbox"/> Not Eligible		Gross (Before Taxes) Household Income Last Year																		
Total In Household. List Members of Household (Names and Ages)		<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">200% of Poverty Guidelines (2024)</th> </tr> <tr> <th>People In Household</th> <th>Maximum Income</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>2</td><td>\$ 39,440</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>\$ 49,720</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>\$ 60,000</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>\$ 70,280</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>\$ 80,560</td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>\$ 90,840</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>\$101,120</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Guidelines show the maximum family income for scholarship eligibility.</p>	200% of Poverty Guidelines (2024)		People In Household	Maximum Income	2	\$ 39,440	3	\$ 49,720	4	\$ 60,000	5	\$ 70,280	6	\$ 80,560	7	\$ 90,840	8	\$101,120
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How did you hear about this scholarship?																				

Scholarship Selection Decisions: We select scholars in grades 2-12 based on income, talent, and motivation.

Income: A student is financially eligible if 1) eligible for Free or Reduced School Lunch, or 2) household income is 200% or less of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Income disclosure is needed only if Free or Reduced lunch box is not checked.

Talent and Motivation: We evaluate talent and motivation with two referrals (from a Music Teacher and a Knowledgeable Adult other than a parent).

IMPORTANT!

You will also need to submit:

Page 2. Student Statement.

Page 3. Referral from Music Teacher.

Page 4. Referral from Classroom Teacher or Knowledgeable Adult (not a relative)

Confidentiality. We keep the personal application information that you provide in confidence: it is not disseminated beyond **Pratt Music Foundation** Board members and instructional faculty. Student information and photos may be used in our scholarship announcements and information provided to schools and media outlets.

Parent/Guardian Signature

I agree that I will provide motivation and support for my child to succeed to the best of his or her ability.

I agree that instructional faculty may share student grades, evaluations, and progress with the **Pratt Music Foundation**.

I agree that the **Pratt Music Foundation** may publish my child's name, information, and photograph in announcements.

Signature	Date
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Student Name (please print)	
Home Address (not necessary on this page)	
City State Zip (not necessary on this page)	Instrument Being Applied For (Circle One) Violin Viola Cello Piano
How many years experience with this instrument?	Do you have an instrument (Circle One)? Yes (Rent) Yes (Own) No (Not having an instrument is not disqualifying.)

Please tell us in your own words below:

Why are music lessons in this instrument important to you?

We prefer students' responses in their own handwriting, but younger students' responses may be transcribed.

Attach separate sheet if necessary (please don't write on the back).

Student Signature

Date



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Student Name (please print)	
Home Address	Next Fall Grade and School
City State Zip	Instrument Being Applied For (Circle One) Violin Viola Cello Piano

REFERRAL (Music Teacher, Classroom Teacher, or Knowledgeable Adult)

Name	I am the applicant's (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Private Music Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> School Music Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Knowledgeable Adult (I am not a relative or member of the applicant's household).
Address	
City State Zip	

The foundation of this referral is your evaluation of the talent and motivation of the applicant.
What is your experience with this applicant? Please tell us your opinion of talent and motivation for this student.

Referring Individual completes this section

Attach separate sheet if necessary (please don't write on the back).

- I recommend this student for a scholarship.
- I recommend this student for a scholarship with reservations (noted above).
- I do not recommend this student.

Talent: Please rate this student's talent on a scale from 0 to 5.

0	1	2	3	4	5
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5 = top 20%, 1 = bottom 20%
0 = no experience with this student.

Motivation: Please rate this student's motivation on a scale from 0 to 5.

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MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST

Application Package Checklist

For student applications.

To help in completing the application, this checklist details the required materials. Check off the materials as they are completed.

- Application
- Referral by Music Teacher
- Referral by Knowledgeable Adult
- Statement of Interest by Student

Due before or by May 1.

Please do not hand-deliver to anyone (use the mail system).

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