



PRATT MUSIC FOUNDATION

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PRATT MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

This is an 8-page application package. Please be sure you have all eight pages.

1. Cover Letter
2. Standards Sheet
3. Application Form
4. Statement of Interest
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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.

A Pratt Music Foundation

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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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Waiver: I agree that this student's information (including performance results and images) may be released to the Pratt Music Foundation for monitoring and publicity.

Parent _____

Date _____

APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

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The Application

The parent or guardian should complete this application. Use an additional sheet of paper, if necessary.

New Applications require Referrals. Renewals do not require referrals.

Music Teacher Referral

Provide the Referral to the student's music teacher for completion.

Knowledgeable Adult

Provide the Referral to an adult (classroom teacher, counselor, youth minister; but not a relative).

Student

Statement of Interest

Ask the student to complete the Statement of Interest.

Beginners

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Required Attachments

- Music Teacher Referral.
 - or Sent Separately
- Knowledgeable Adult Referral.
 - or Sent Separately
- Student Statement of Interest

Applications due June 1.

All applicants will be notified by July 15.

Mail completed application to:

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Renewal

New

THE APPLICANT

Student Name	Date	How did you learn about our program? (at school, church, poster, or other)
Address	Phone	
	Email	
City State Zip	Age, School and Grade (as of Fall this year)	
Previous Instruction? Years. Group/ Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Applying for piano. <input type="checkbox"/> I have a piano. <input type="checkbox"/> Applying for violin, viola, cello. <input type="checkbox"/> I have a violin, viola, cello.	

THE FAMILY

Parent (or Guardian)	The total number of members in household, <i>(including the applicant)</i> is _____. List all members by name and age:
Address	
City State Zip	

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Parent1 Occupation	Parent2 Occupation
Parent1 Workplace	Parent2 Workplace
Total Annual Household Income before taxes	Can you transport your child to lessons?
Unusual or Catastrophic Expenses (Medical, Disaster, Other); specify a dollar amount. (Use another sheet of paper, if necessary)	

I agree that I will provide motivation and support for my child to succeed to the best of his or her ability. I understand that missing or inaccurate information may invalidate or delay this application. (Sign Waiver Box in upper right-hand corner).

Signature _____

Date _____



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STATEMENT OF INTEREST

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The student applicant should complete this page.

This information from the student is an important component in the application process.

Please use the space provided.

For very young students, the text may be transcribed or dictated.

The **Pratt Music Foundation** understands the answers will be age-appropriate, but responses should be (to the maximum extent possible) the work of the student.

Why is music important to you?

How has your past experience in music helped you?

What do you expect to do with music in the future?

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Student Name (Print)

Student Signature

Date



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Please Print

THE REFERRING INDIVIDUAL

Name	Date
Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Music Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Knowledgeable Adult
City State Zip	School or Affiliation
	Contact Phone
	Email

THE APPLICANT

Student Name	
Address	Phone
	Email
City State Zip	Age, School and Grade (as of Fall this year)
Previous Instruction? Years? Group/ Individual? What instrument played? (Rented or Owned?)	<input type="checkbox"/> Applying for piano. <input type="checkbox"/> Student has a piano. <input type="checkbox"/> Applying for violin, viola, cello. <input type="checkbox"/> Student has a violin, viola, cello.

REFERRAL

What has been your experience with the applicant (use the back of this sheet if necessary).

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Talent (or Potential Talent) Evaluation (0-9)
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Based on your experience with the applicant, compare the applicant to all other students you have interacted with and indicate your evaluation of the applicant's talent (or potential talent). 0= no talent. 5= average of the talent you have seen. 9= the most talented student you have seen.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Motivation Evaluation (0-9)
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Based on your experience with the applicant, indicate your evaluation of the applicant's motivation. 0= no motivation. 5= average of the motivation you have seen. 9= the most motivated student you have seen.

I recommend this student for a scholarship from the Pratt Music Foundation.

Signature

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THE REFERRING INDIVIDUAL

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City State Zip	School or Affiliation
	Contact Phone
	Email

THE APPLICANT

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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

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

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PRATT SCHOLARSHIPS INCOME GUIDELINES

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Scholarships are granted based on talent and financial need.

Our scholarship guideline for income is 250% of HHS **Poverty Guidelines**.

The information provided in the application allows the computation of an adjusted income which must be equal to or less than 250% of the HHS **Poverty Guidelines**.

Income is "stated income" minus any unusual expenses stated (medical, catastrophic, etc).

For example, a family of 3 with an income of \$42,000 is less than the maximum **poverty guideline** income (in the 250% column) of \$50,400 and is eligible for consideration.

This guideline page is revised annually as the **Federal Poverty Guideline** changes.

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) 2017 POVERTY GUIDELINES

There are two slightly different versions of the federal poverty measure: the **poverty thresholds**, and the **poverty guidelines**.

The **poverty thresholds** are the original version of the federal poverty measure. The **poverty thresholds** are used mainly for statistical purposes — for instance, preparing estimates of the number of Americans in poverty each year.

The **poverty guidelines** are the other version of the federal poverty measure. They are issued each year by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The **poverty guidelines** are a simplification of the **poverty thresholds** for use for administrative purposes — for instance, determining financial eligibility for certain federal programs.

***** Use the 250% Column *****

2017 HHS Poverty Guidelines

Units	48 States	150%	200%	250%
1	\$11,880	\$17,820	\$23,760	\$29,700
2	\$16,020	\$24,030	\$32,040	\$40,050
3	\$20,160	\$30,240	\$40,320	\$50,400
4	\$24,300	\$36,450	\$48,600	\$60,750
5	\$28,440	\$42,660	\$56,880	\$71,100
6	\$32,580	\$48,870	\$65,160	\$81,450
7	\$36,730	\$55,095	\$73,460	\$91,825
8	\$40,890	\$61,335	\$81,780	\$102,225

SOURCE: *Federal Register.*

Programs using the **poverty guidelines** (or percentage multiples of the **poverty guidelines** — for instance, 125 percent or 185 percent of the **poverty guidelines**) in determining eligibility include Head Start, the Food Stamp Program, the National School Lunch Program, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, and the Children’s Health Insurance Program. Note that in general, cash public assistance programs (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Supplemental Security Income) do NOT use the **poverty guidelines** in determining eligibility. The Earned Income Tax Credit program also does NOT use the **poverty guidelines** to determine eligibility.

The **poverty guidelines** (unlike the **poverty thresholds**) are designated by the year in which they are issued. For instance, the **poverty guidelines** issued in January 2017 are designated the 2017 **poverty guidelines**. However, the HHS 2017 **poverty guidelines** only reflect price changes through calendar year 2016; accordingly, they are approximately equal to the Census Bureau **poverty thresholds** for calendar year 2016.

The **poverty guidelines** may be formally referenced as “the **poverty guidelines** updated periodically in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2).”