



PRATT MUSIC FOUNDATION

c/o Illinois Wesleyan University • PO Box 2900 • Bloomington, Illinois 61702-2900

PRATT MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

To: Current Scholars and Parents:

Enclosed you will find a scholarship application for the next academic year. We look forward to considering your application if you choose to re-apply.

Your music teacher will return an evaluation of your progress for the year-to-date to the Pratt Music Foundation Scholar Selection Committee.

Renewal applicants do not need referrals.

If you plan to re-apply, we need your signed application by or before June 1. If we do not receive your application by June 1, the committee will not be able to consider it.

If you decide not to re-apply, please return the form letting us know that you will not be applying.

We will let you know the status of renewed scholarships by July 15th (or sooner if possible).

Call Marc Miller 827-5534 or email using prattmusicfoundation@gmail.com if you have any questions.



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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

Scholarship is a wonderful opportunity to learn to play an instrument. With that opportunity comes a variety of responsibilities.

Please email or call
If you have questions:

prattmusicfoundation
@gmail.com
or call
309-827-5534

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

Information is confidential and available to Pratt Music Foundation Board Members only.

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

Students who have no musical experience are considered for scholarships. A music teacher referral is not required. For help with this application, call

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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

Statement of Interest

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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MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST

Renewal Application Checklist

For *renewal* student applications.

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

- Application Complete
 - Completed In Pen (not Pencil)
 - All Boxes Completed
 - Waiver Box Signed
- Evaluation by IWU Music Teacher
(will be automatically submitted by your teacher)
- Statement of Interest by Student
- I, (name) _____, will not be applying.

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

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PRATT SCHOLARSHIPS INCOME GUIDELINES

Pratt Music Foundation
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).”