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CUMBERLAND VALLEY SCHOOL OF MUSIC Financial Aid Guidelines

The following information is provided to assist students, parents and faculty members in understanding the financial aid policies of the Cumberland Valley School of Music. It should be understood that current funding for financial assistance through CVSM is limited; however every effort will be made to assist those students who, because of financial difficulties, would otherwise be unable to study at CVSM. Merit awards are also available for students who have demonstrated exceptional talent and/or potential. These awards are determined through an audition process held in the spring of each year. Separate guidelines are available for merit awards.

Financial Aid Award Policies

- The receipt of aid does not guarantee assistance in the future.
- If financial aid is granted for the Fall Semester, teacher evaluations help to determine whether the award is continued for the Spring Semester.
- New applications may be submitted at any time. **Prior recipients must reapply at the beginning of each new academic year. Renewal applications for financial aid must be submitted no later than August 21st for the Fall Semester.**
- Any aid received is applied on a per lesson basis, and is not given to the student in the form of cash. If there is a reduction in the length of lesson time, the award will be decreased accordingly.
- Any increase in lesson time during the year may or may not result in a proportionate increase in the award.
- A student who withdraws prior to the completion of a semester will not receive credit on his/her financial aid for subsequent enrollment.
- **The acceptance of financial assistance from CVSM carries with it an obligation on the part of the student to attend lessons on a regular basis and work diligently on making progress in his/her principal area of concentration.** Financial aid may be withdrawn at any time if, in the opinion of the principal teacher and the director, the recipient fails to meet the minimum standard which are expected by the teacher and CVSM.
- Recipients of financial aid may be asked to perform on behalf of CVSM, either as a soloist or part of an ensemble, or may be requested to assist in school events by serving as an usher, helping with bulk mailing or similar activities. Consideration will be given to conflicts with school, church, and family activities.

CVSM is committed to providing assistance to those students who might otherwise be unable to study at the school. Limitations in the amount of aid available may mean that not every student with a demonstrated need can be helped. All applications received by the stated deadlines will be considered equally and the school will assist as many students as possible. In almost every instance, the student is expected to pay at least something towards his or her lessons, no matter how small that contribution is.

- * *All applicants must submit pages 1 and 2 of the most recent federal tax return. This material will not be returned to you. Applications without this information will be held until all paperwork is complete and may result in disqualification if the office does not have completed information when the committee meets.*
- * *It is important that any additional information which might affect the decision of the school to grant aid be detailed as part of the application. Such information might include unusual medical expenses or expenses for education. Please document such expenses.*
- * *All information submitted will be kept in strict confidence.*



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2020-2021 FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

Please complete all information requested on this application and return to the address above. **The application is not complete without a copy of pages 1 and 2 of your most recent federal tax return. If not required by law to file a federal tax return, please provide official documentation of income.** *Any supporting materials cannot be returned, so please send only photo copies.*

 Guardian Last Name(s) First Name(s) Relationship to Student

 Guardian Occupation(s) & Employer(s)

 Home phone Cell phone Email Address

 Street Address City State Zip

Please attach a complete copy of your most recent federal tax return.

Combined Annual Gross Income (*page 1, line 7*) \$ _____ ASSETS: Cash and Securities \$ _____

Do you receive Child support payments? No Yes. If yes, monthly amount _____

Own your home? Rent your home? Other? (*Please explain in an attached letter*)

Monthly Mortgage/Rent \$ _____ If owned, home market value \$ _____

Please attach any additional information or extenuating circumstances which may assist us in evaluating your financial situation.

Student Name	Grade	School	Class, Camp, or Instrument	Teacher	Length of Lesson

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