



NORTH VALLEY MUSIC SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

North Valley Music School (NVMS) is a 501(c)3 non-profit community music school committed to enriching our community through music education, appreciation, and performance. We are here to serve people of all ages, backgrounds, abilities, and incomes. We believe that music programs and lessons should be readily available to everyone. That's why we offer a financial assistance program. This program is a sliding fee scale based on the guidelines of the Federal School Lunch program.

To qualify for a scholarship, you must complete the application process below. The information will be kept confidential and will not be used for any other purpose. Faculty are not made aware of scholarship recipients. All NVMS students receive the same services and treatment regardless of whether or not they are receiving assistance.

NVMS requires that individuals reapply for their scholarships annually and report any change of financial status within 30 days of change. Failure to do so may jeopardize the individual's membership status. In addition, please provide any changes in phone numbers, addresses, and payment information as they occur.

To process your application please provide the following: (All forms properly and fully completed.)

General Financial-based scholarships (based on Eligibility Guidelines for Federal School Lunch program):

- The scholarship application
- Either this year's school district eligibility letter for free school lunches based on the guidelines of the Federal School Lunch program, or the first page of the student's family's most recent tax return. If an extension has been filed, we will require the extension letter and the front page of the previous year's tax return
- A statement from the student, not to exceed 250 words, stating the meaning of music in their lives and why a music scholarship is important to them. If the student is not old enough to compose the letter, the parent may write it for them and the child can include a drawing. (This letter or parts thereof may be used by NVMS to solicit scholarship funds)

Blake Reese Memorial Scholarships (non-financial-based; See page 2 for scholarship information):

- The scholarship application
- The first page of the student's family's most recent tax return (Total income must be less than \$100,000 for a family of 4/ income considered on a case by case). If an extension has been filed, we will require the extension letter and the front page of the previous year's tax return
- An essay from the student, 100 - 250 words, stating the meaning of music in their lives, how it is therapeutic in your life, and why a music scholarship is important to them. This should be a personal story. For young students, the parent may write the essay and the child can include a drawing. (This letter or parts thereof may be used by NVMS to solicit scholarship funds)

Scholarships are provided through fundraising events, foundations, and grant awards. As a scholarship recipient you have an opportunity to "pay it forward" by volunteering at NVMS. Please inquire in the office about available opportunities.

NVMS reserves the right to refuse assistance to anyone who in judgement of NVMS can financially afford regular monthly payments.



APPLICATIONS WILL BE PROCESSED ONLY AFTER ALL THE APPLICATION IS FILLED OUT COMPLETELY, SIGNED AND ALL INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED.

Financial-based grants made possible by:

Angora Ridge Foundation

Soroptimist International of Whitefish, "Improving the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

Sharlot Battin and the Margaret Murdock Memorial Fund

Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation

And from private donations and **Great Fish Community Challenge** donors

For Income Eligibility Guidelines follow this link: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/03/13/2025-03821/child-nutrition-programs-income-eligibility-guidelines#p-15>

Non-financial-based grants made possible by:

Blake Reese Memorial Scholarship:

"Music is important, not just fun." Words to live by as music is healing, it brings people together, and requires discipline and focus that can positively impact someone who is struggling with an issue in life: mental, physical, grief, or otherwise. The Thompson family is reaching out to those students who desire music in their lives, but are unable to make it a financial priority. They would like to carry on Blake's passion for music by offering therapeutic music scholarships to individuals struggling with mental, physical, emotional or grief issues. This can be for a music therapy session or a music education session where music is supplementing the healing process.

Grant made possible by:

Nancy and Jesse Thompson and their donor designated fund at the Whitefish Community Foundation.

Also from private donations made in memory of the Blake Reese Memorial Fund.



Scholarship Application

- New Applicant
 Renewal

Name: _____ Cell: _____

Name of scholarship applicant: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Number of dependents: _____

Are you currently working full or part-time? Yes No

If yes, where? _____ Pay Rate/Salary _____

If no, what is your income? _____

Is your spouse working full or part-time? Yes No

If yes, where? _____ Pay Rate/Salary _____

If no, why? _____

Please read and initial:

I agree to pay any and all extra charges related to registration, materials, and program fees. If my account is overdue at the end of the trimester my scholarship may be cancelled. _____

How you found out about NVMS financial assistance? _____

Please mail or drop off the scholarship application to:

North Valley Music School
PO Box 4446 / 1998 River Lakes Parkway
Whitefish, MT 59937

I certify that the above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____ Date: _____