



Lakewood Suzuki Strings

2025-2026 Scholarship Application Information

2025-2026 scholarships are supported by the estate of Dr. Christine Newton and her daughter, Dr. Elizabeth Hankins, and are currently open for public school students enrolled in Lakewood City Schools.

There are three types of need-based aid for the Lakewood Suzuki Strings Program:

Suzuki Group Program Scholarships

Suzuki Group Program partial and full scholarships are open for any students enrolled in kindergarten through 8th grade in the Lakewood City Schools. These scholarships cover costs for Fall or Spring group classes. Students must additionally be committed to taking private lessons with an LSS teacher for the duration of the semester in order to qualify for a scholarship. Suzuki Group Program scholarship applications are due by August 15th and Dec 15th of every year; late applications will not be accepted.

Private Lesson Scholarships

Partial scholarships for the monthly private lesson fee are available for students enrolled in kindergarten through 8th grade in the Lakewood City Schools. Private lesson scholarship applications are taken on a rolling basis for new students throughout the year; once families are enrolled in LSS, they are required to re-apply every six months by Dec 15th and June 15th.

Rental Instruments - Violin and Viola Only

Lakewood Suzuki Strings offers rental violins in collaboration with the LCS orchestra program. These rental instruments are available for students who are currently enrolled in Lakewood City Schools from kindergarten and up, and who qualify for free or reduced lunches. The annual rental fee for a school instrument is only \$50 - a fraction of the cost to rent or buy a quality instrument elsewhere.

Please note that the instrument rental program is currently only for violin and viola, and availability is based on your child's instrument size. When applying for the rental instrument program, you will need to measure your child according to the instructions in this application.

Lakewood Suzuki Strings Scholarship Application

Please fill this out and return to lakewoodsuzukistrings@gmail.com.

Student's name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Grade for 25-26 academic year: _____

Which Lakewood City School does your child attend? _____

Parent name(s): _____

Parent phone number: _____

Parent email: _____

Which scholarship program are you applying for?

☐ Suzuki Group Program Scholarships

Deadline: Aug 15th and Dec 15th

☐ Private Lesson Scholarships

Deadline: on rolling basis for new students. Enrolled students must re-apply by January 1st and June 1st of each year.

☐ Rental Violin/Viola Program

Deadline: on rolling basis for new students. Applications for enrolled students must be renewed by Dec 15th of each year.

Is your child eligible for free and reduced lunches at school?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please provide a short summary below about why your family might need this scholarship, including relevant financial details:

Rental Violin/Viola Application Continued

There are many different sizes of violins and violas, and finding the correct one for your child is crucial for their comfort while learning to play. Our rental program is based on availability of sizes, so in order to determine whether we have an instrument available, we will need you to measure your child's arm length. Please follow the instructions below and fill out the questions.

- 1) Get a ruler or tape measure ready.
- 2) Place the end of the ruler against your child's neck. Ask your child to outstretch their arm sideways without extending their shoulder.
- 3) Lay the ruler down your child's arm to their wrist. Take the measurement from the neck to the wrist.
- 4) Compare the measurement to the list below to determine the correct size instrument for your child. Please note that if your child is in between measurements, the best course of action is to size down.

Measurements in Inches

Please check your child's measurement and size from the options below:

- ☐ 13 1/4 inches or less: 1/16 size
- ☐ 14 1/4 inches: 1/10 size
- ☐ 15 1/4 inches: 1/8 size
- ☐ 17 1/4 inches: 1/4 size
- ☐ 19 inches: 1/2 size
- ☐ 20 1/2 inches: 3/4 size
- ☐ 21 1/4 inches or more: full size

What exact measurement did you get? _____ inches

How tall is your child? _____