

2025-2026 FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

Financial aid is awarded based on household income eligibility. We use the federal guidelines for Free and Reduced Lunch Eligibility to guide our decisions. Requests for financial aid must be accompanied by your most recent federal tax return, public assistance documentation, or proof of unemployment. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Supporting documentation cannot be returned; please submit photocopies only and obscure social security numbers. Multiple students from the same family may be listed on a single application. All information submitted will be kept in strict confidence. **The student account must be current in order to be considered for financial aid.**

Date _____ Student name _____ New/returning student _____

Date of birth _____ Grade _____ School _____

Private teacher(s) _____ Instrument/Class _____

Length of lesson(s) _____ Length of time studying instrument(s) _____

Student is a member of (please circle all that apply): school choir / school band / school orchestra /
Kids In Tune / Training Orchestra / Prep Strings Orchestra / Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Orchestra

Other musical activity _____

Other family members studying at Crescendo _____

Parent/Guardian(s) _____

Address _____

Phone(s) _____ Email address(es) _____

Income information (from 1040 income tax return):

Total household GROSS income from 1040 tax return (NOT AGI Income): _____

Total number in household: _____ Total number in household under age 18: _____

Please list any unusual circumstances (such as medical expenses, recent unemployment, or changes in income) that may affect your eligibility for financial aid. List any additional information that could affect our decision. (Attach additional pages/documentation if necessary.)

I understand that failure to meet student expectations as described in the financial aid application instructions will result in a review of status as an award recipient, and my scholarship may be revoked.

Student/Parent/Guardian signature _____



2025-2026 FINANCIAL AID GUIDELINES & APPLICATION

Following are the Crescendo Academy of Music financial aid policies and procedures. It should be understood that funding for financial assistance through Crescendo is limited as it is dependent upon grants and gifts received. However, every effort will be made to assist those students who, because of financial difficulties, would otherwise be unable to study with us.

Policies

- Recipients of financial assistance must reapply at the beginning of each new school year.
- Aid is applied on a per lesson basis and is not given to the student in the form of cash.
- When there is a reduction in the length of lesson time, the award will be decreased proportionally.
- Any increase in lesson time during the year does not automatically result in a proportionate increase in the award; a new application for aid must be completed.
- A withdrawal for any length of time results in a loss of financial aid; upon your return, you must reapply.
- The receipt of assistance one year does not guarantee assistance in future years.

Procedures

Crescendo is committed to providing assistance to those students who might otherwise be unable to study at the academy. Limitations in the amount of aid available may mean that not every student with a demonstrated need can be assisted. All applications received will be considered equally and the academy will assist as many students as possible.

Applicants must submit a copy of their most recent federal tax return, public assistance documentation, or proof of unemployment. Additional information which might affect the decision of Crescendo to grant aid must be detailed as part of the application. Such information might include unusual medical expenses or expenses for education. Please document such expenses.

Student Expectations

Recipients of financial aid are expected to follow the policies of Crescendo Academy of Music as stated in the Fees & Attendance Policies. Recipients are encouraged to perform in recitals and, if applicable, participate in their school ensemble(s) and extracurricular musical activities. **In every instance, the student is expected to contribute monetarily to the cost of their lessons.**

The acceptance of financial assistance from Crescendo 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 their principal area of concentration. Aid may be withdrawn at any time if, in the opinion of the principal teacher and/or the Executive Director, the recipient fails to meet the minimum standard expected.