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**SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE**

2011-2012 School Year

Dear Student and Parent(s):

South West Music School is committed to bringing quality music education to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. We are honored to be able to continue the scholarship program.

Scholarships are offered to students based on the following:

- Need, as determined by the financial questionnaire in this package;
- Ability, as determined by teacher's recommendation; and
- Student's interest, as determined by the student essay.

If we do not receive your **complete** scholarship package by **October 1, 2011**, you will not be considered for a scholarship for the year. A complete scholarship package consists of:

- The financial questionnaire in this packet;
- The teacher evaluation form (which will be sent by your teacher);
- The student essay, as explained further in this packet;
- A completed registration form (either register online or download our form from our website and mail it in); and
- A minimum payment, as explained further in this packet.

It is the policy of South West Music School not to provide full scholarships to any student. The maximum scholarship we will provide is 50% of tuition. The remaining 50% must be paid according to the policies set forth in our registration materials and on our web page.

Mail your completed package to the address at the bottom of this page, addressed to "Scholarship Committee." If you have any questions about this scholarship package, our procedures, or our 501(c)(3) status, please do not hesitate to contact us by mail, phone, or email:

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Step-by-Step Instructions

1. Financial Questionnaire

Two of the questions refer to your 2010 Federal Income Tax form. If you did not file this year because you did not earn enough, enter "\$0" for taxable income. If you did not file for another reason, please explain in the room provided. Otherwise, additional information is not necessary. The purpose of this form is to compare "apples to apples" in making our scholarship decisions. South West Music School will not share this financial data with anyone, and we will keep these forms highly secure.

2. Teacher Recommendation Form

We will get this form from your teacher directly.

3. Student Essay

This essay is judged according to the student's age. A younger student is not expected to write as much or as proficiently as an older student. The essay should be in the student's own words, **not** by the parent. Please provide a statement explaining why you want to take music lessons. Older students, talk about your past musical experiences. You may use a computer or a typewriter, or hand-write your answer. The answer can be as short as a sentence or two from younger students, and should be no more than one page.

4. Registration

If you have not already registered, please either do so online or mail in a completed registration form. You may download the form from our web page as found on the cover letter of this packet. If you have registered, we will match your registration with the scholarship materials.

5. Partial Payment

If you did not include payment with your registration, please include a check or money order made out to South West Music School for a **minimum** of \$25. This amount will be applied to your tuition, whether you receive a scholarship or not. Refunds are granted according to our refund policy as indicated in our registration materials and on our web page.

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Financial Questionnaire

Please print or write clearly.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. How many people are in your household? \_\_\_\_\_ (line 6d on your 2010 Form 1040A or Form 1040)
2. Of this number, how many are registering for classes with South West Music School? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is your "Taxable Income" \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (line 27 on your 2010 Form 1040A or line 43 on your 2010 Form 1040)
4. Are children in this household qualified for Title I federal assistance for free or reduced lunch (circle one)                      YES                      NO

This information is true to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Additional information (optional):

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IS YOUR PACKAGE COMPLETE?

- Financial Questionnaire**, signed and dated
- Student Essay**
- Registration Form**
- Payment**

**Good Luck!**