



Private Lesson Scholarship Application

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Private lessons are an important part of a young musician's development. As a student progresses through middle school and into high school band, the demands on the student musician become greater as the music becomes more complex. Having a private teacher to turn to with questions and to closely monitor the continued growth of the young musician is highly beneficial and important.

The Bellingham Friends of Music (BFOM) is offering scholarships to music students at Bellingham Memorial School (BMS) and Bellingham High School (BHS) to help defray the costs of private or small group lesson instruction.

Students may take lessons in the district (coordinated through the Bellingham music staff) or through a teacher outside of the district (coordinated by the individual student/family). Both options are eligible for a BFOM scholarship. Lesson rates typically vary between \$18 and \$25 per half-hour lesson depending on the teacher. Most lessons will occur at BMMS or BHS, but other arrangements can be made to have lessons at an alternate location (the instructor's home, a music store, etc.)

Example lesson cost breakdown:

6 lessons (30 minutes each) per quarter = 12 lessons per term (Fall and Spring) for a total of 24 lessons.

At \$25 per lesson, 24 lessons would total \$600 for the year.

30 minutes = 1 lesson. 60 minutes = 2 lessons.

Scholarship details:

- BFOM half-scholarships awarded up to \$300 toward private lessons
- BFOM quarter-scholarships awarded up to \$150 toward private lessons
- Scholarship amounts will be adjusted to reflect the teacher's rate
- Scholarship applications are due by Sept. 7, 2018
- Scholarship amounts, lesson schedules, and payment amounts will be announced during the first week of school, with the anticipation that lessons will start during the week of Sept. 17, 2018

In return, the student and his/her family is expected to:

- Pay the BFOM up-front for 24 lessons, either Paid in Full by Oct. 10, 2018, or the Installment Plan of 4 equal payments, due before each quarter.
- Be fully enrolled in the band/chorus program and have regular attendance at all in-school lessons and rehearsals.
- Students and/or a family member assist at two events throughout the school year, or have a parent/guardian participate in the Friends of Music.
- Be prepared for and attend weekly private lessons on a regular basis
- Demonstrate a willingness to attend all private lesson sessions for the semester. There is one make-up lesson for each semester. Unexcused/No-Show lessons will NOT be supplemented (Recipients agree to pay the full price for unexcused absences).
- Be in good academic standing.

If you are interested in a BFOM private lesson scholarship, please complete the application at

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