

BELLINGHAM FRIENDS OF MUSIC

Private Lesson Scholarship

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 important.

The Bellingham Friends of Music (BFOM) is offering scholarships to music students at Bellingham Memorial Middle School (BMMS) and Bellingham High School (BHS) to help defray the costs of private or small group lesson instruction. Each student who is awarded a private lesson scholarship will receive:

- 15 lessons per term (Fall and Spring) for a total of 30 lessons in one school year.
- \$300 to supplement the cost of the lessons (\$10 per lesson in scholarship money, the remainder to be paid by the students family).

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

- Be fully enrolled in the band program and have regular attendance at all in-school lessons and rehearsals.
- Assist at two events throughout the school year, or serve a position on the board of 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. Missed lessons will NOT be supplemented (Recipients agree to pay the full price for unexcused absences).
- Be in good academic standing (**ALL PASSING GRADES**. Recipients failing any class will forfeit their remaining scholarship for the semester and must finish and pay for the semester's remaining lessons at full price.)

Please complete the attached application in its entirety. Depending on your schedule, you may elect to apply for the scholarship for the Fall Semester, Spring Semester, or both. Maximum scholarship amounts will be \$150 per semester, or \$300 for the year. 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.)

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Application

Student Name: _____ Current Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Parent/Guardian E-mail: _____

Semester (circle one): Fall 2011 Spring 2012 Both Fall & Spring 11/12

1. Please check the box next to the name of the teacher you will be planning to take private lessons from. (NOTE: Scholarships are only awarded for study with teachers on this list)

INSTRUMENT	NAME	PHONE	E-MAIL
Flute	Ellie DeOrsey	508-498-8390	
Flute	Ellis O'Donnell	508-498-8390	
Flute	Kim Harper	508-713-2315	
Clarinet	Deb Ream	508-561-3566	
Saxophone	Deb Ream	508-561-3566	
Oboe	TBD		
Bassoon	TBD		
Trumpet	Ron Pouliot	508-340-6093	roncarolpouliot@gmail.com
Trumpet	Dave Bergeron	401-356-4273	
Low Brass	Nicole Wright	774-291-2322	euphchica07@gmail.com
Horn	Sheffra Spiridopolous		shefspir@comcast.net
Percussion	Peter Moffett	508-361-2431	
Voice	Kim Harper	508-713-2315	

2. Please circle the days that you are available to have a lesson:

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

3. BMMS students: Do you plan to attend Bellingham High School? (circle one) YES NO

4. Write a short essay (1-2 paragraphs) explaining how music impacts your life and how taking lessons will affect your musical growth.

To be offered a private lesson scholarship is an honor, and just as applicants and their parents expect and anticipate a higher level of musical accomplishment with the addition of private lessons, so does the music department expect a higher level of involvement from the recipients of scholarship awards. Students are expected to put forth the effort needed to be fully prepared for all lessons and to attend lessons on a regular basis. As opportunities become available in the music department (solo & ensemble festival, Central District auditions, student artist recitals, etc.) the recipients of scholarships are expected to take advantage of these worthwhile opportunities.