



PORTLAND CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

This application must be completed by an adult age 18 or older who is either the legal guardian of the children who will benefit from this award or the actual individual who will directly benefit from this award.

Portland Conservatory of Music strives to provide access to music education to students from all financial backgrounds. This application is for our need-based financial aid program, with need determined using Maine's child nutrition/school lunch program [income guidelines](#). In addition to our need-based financial aid, we offer Extended Lesson Scholarships to dedicated students (by audition), providing an additional free 15 minutes to every lesson throughout the academic year. We also offer a 5% discount on private lessons for military, as well as 5% and 10% discounts on private lessons for second and third+ family members. Please visit our website or call 775-3356 to learn about these programs.

Need-based Financial aid is awarded on an annual basis and is applied to all lessons and classes from the date of the award confirmation through the academic year. (Students must reapply in advance of each new academic year which begins in September.) Until an award has been confirmed, full tuition applies, and PCM does not award financial aid retroactively. There are no full scholarships, only partial scholarships of 15% to 20% off PCM's regular tuition rates. Applicants are strongly encouraged to share all pertinent information to most effectively substantiate their need.

This application requires attachment of a copy of the household's most recently filed tax returns. If that does not accurately represent the household's current financial situation, please explain that in the area provided below. Applicants who did not file tax returns for the past two consecutive years should provide copies of any documents that substantiate their need (qualification letters for SSI, disability benefits, federal assistance, etc.). All documents are kept strictly confidential.

All students at PCM are expected to attend all lessons and be on time, to practice regularly, and to inform the teacher and PCM in advance if they must miss a lesson. Failure to attend lessons, practice regularly, treat teachers and fellow students with appropriate respect, and meet payment deadlines may result in revocation of financial aid.

If you have any questions about this application, please don't hesitate to call PCM's Executive Director at 207-775-3356.

Full Name of Individual Completing This Application _____

Full Names and Ages of Students _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ ZIP Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Total Household Income (include all types of income, including wages, child support, SSI, federal aid, disability, rental property income, etc.)

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Number of Household Members: _____

Number of individuals supported by the income above, as indicated on your tax return.

About the Students

On a separate sheet, tell us a little about the students who will benefit from this award, including musical history and background, favorite hobbies and activities, developmental or physical challenges, where they attend school, etc.

Financial Picture

On a separate sheet, please indicate employment status (including occupations, employers, etc.) for all adults in the household, as well as any unique financial obstacles you are facing.

Attach Supporting Documentation

Please attach a copy of your most recently filed tax return. If it does not accurately reflect your current financial situation, use the comment area above to explain any recent changes. If you have not filed taxes in the past two years, please indicate that in the comment area above and supply NCMC with copies of any documents that substantiate your need (qualification letters for SSI, disability benefits, federal assistance, etc.). If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact PCM's Executive Director Jean Murachanian at (207)775-3356.

By signing this document, you are verifying that all of the information supplied in this application is true and accurate. PCM reserves the right to withdraw any financial aid award if any information supplied is determined to be false.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____