

Scholarship and Grant Resources for Music Study

Any level, including beginner

- **UMFA Scholarship:** Provides \$200 scholarships for flute students of all ages/levels who need financial assistance in pursuing lessons or summer music camps/master classes. Students can receive repeat funding up to 3 times per year. Application due March 15, July 15, Nov 15. <https://www.umfaflutes.org/scholarship>
- **Ann Bancroft Foundation:** Provides grants up to \$1000 for K-12 students who identify as **female** and additional grants for previous grant recipients. Applications due April 1 and October 1. Trailblazer grant: Previous Bancroft grant recipients can apply for a second grant for up to \$2500. <https://www.annbancroftfoundation.org/>
- **Presbyterian Church of the Apostles Reparations Scholarship:** Designed to assist Native-American and African-American students (including immigrants) in educational pursuits, including music lessons. \$500 for music lessons or \$1000 for post-secondary education, renewable annually. See 2025 rev. [policy](#), [application](#). Email Steven Johnson, Compassionate Justice Committee, s1ross@aol.com for current application and questions. Applications reviewed quarterly.
- **Etude for Youth:** 6th/7th grade students at Capitol Hill Middle School are eligible for need-based scholarships through this program. <https://etudeforyouth.org/>
- **GTCYS Launch Lessons:** Supports Hispanic/Latinx or Black/African American students, beginning to advanced, grades 2-11, who reside in Ramsey, Washington, or Dakota counties, who can't otherwise afford private lessons. Students commit to regular weekly private lessons with the goal of joining one of GTCYS' school-year orchestras (which provide an awesome learning experience, and they have plenty of tuition assistance!). <https://gtcys.org/programs/gtcys-launch-lessons>
- **GTCYS Sponsored Lessons:** For wind/brass/percussion students in the GTCYS program (any level). Students receive weekly 30-minute lessons throughout the school year paid for by GTCYS, with the expectation that they will audition for the following GTCYS season (if not graduating).
- **GTCYS Pathway Musicians:** Supports Hispanic/Latinx or Black/African American students in Twin Cities metro area, grades 5-10 at time of application, involved in or planning to audition for GTCYS school-year orchestras who are passionate about developing their musical skills. Students receive funding to cover lessons/other expenses, and monthly mentoring (in addition to lessons), and they are expected to participate in certain programming (summer camps, performances, etc.). <https://gtcys.org/gtcys-pathway-musicians-program>
- **MusicLink Foundation:** Support offered for low-income students (e.g. summer camp scholarships, funding for music, instrument rentals; teacher must reduce rates by 50% for student to be eligible. Info: <https://www.musiclinkfoundation.org/>
- **NAFME Scholarship Resource Page:** Variety of music-related scholarships for students of various ages (including some for grades 4-12, even though the top of the page says high school junior/senior or college students). It also includes links to other pages listing music-related scholarship resources. <https://nafme.org/student-opportunities/scholarships/>

School-aged students playing in youth orchestras/MYS wind symphony:

- **Orchestra Scholarships:** Both [GTCYS](#) and [MYS](#) provide need-based tuition assistance for students who participate in their orchestra programs. Both organizations are serious about removing barriers so that no student is turned away for financial reasons.

Intermediate/advanced (school-aged)

- **TCMU (Twin Cities Musicians Union): Young Musicians Scholarship Fund:** Junior high, high school, college students eligible; must be 22 or younger. Must show skills and inclination to become a professional musician in the future (should not currently be active professional). Should demonstrate "extraordinary commitment and talent" and demonstrate financial need. Must be sponsored by local TCMU member. Scholarships help cover cost of attending summer music camps/schools. <https://tcmu.com/young-musicians-scholarship-fund-applications/>

College/grad school

- **Chester E. & Marion D. Groth Scholarship Fund**: Graduating high school seniors from MN high schools entering college as freshmen can apply for post-secondary tuition scholarships to pursue careers in music education, music performance, or music therapy. Applications February, auditions March. Details: www.richfieldumc.org/events/scholarships
- **Presbyterian Church of the Apostles Reparations Scholarship**: see “any level” section. Up to \$1000 annually for post-secondary education.
- **National Flute Association (NFA)**: Scholarship for first generation in college flutists: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarships/national-flute-association-first-generation-in-college-flute-scholarship>
- **AFM (Musicians Union) Scholarships**: <https://musicpf.org/home/scholarships/>
 - Music’s Future Scholarship: For college students majoring in music; no union affiliation needed.
 - Music Family Scholarship: Children of AFM members attending college; any degree ok (music or not).
- **Union Plus**: Available for union members (not just musicians union) and their spouses and children pursuing post-secondary education. <https://www.unionplus.org/benefits/education/union-plus-scholarships>
- **Music Forward Foundation**: College juniors & seniors pursuing a career in music & live entertainment. <https://musicforwardfoundation.org/programs/scholarships/>
- **NAFME Scholarship Resource Page**: See “any level” section
- **Majoring in Music Scholarship directory**: <https://majoringinmusic.com/scholarships-for-music-majors/>
- **UNIGO Website for music scholarships**: <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/by-major/music-scholarships>

Adult

- **UMFA Scholarship**: See “any level” section