



## **STUDENT ASSISTANCE - THE NEW STUDENT AWARDS 2025**

**Purpose of Awards:** To provide significant support to students who have financial need during their first year of piano study.

**Awards in 2024-2025: Funding for Spring of '24 will be sought on a case by case basis.**

- 1) Applications will be reviewed by the Student Assistance Committee (SAC).
- 2) Awards in 2025-2026 are for one semester (a minimum of 10 lessons) of study.
- 3) Students who receive a one semester award can receive an equal award for a second semester if the piano teacher reports that the student has met requirements of study.

**Who May Apply:** 1) Students ages 6 - 18, in school grades 1 - 12, who have not taken piano lessons before.

- 2) Students who apply must show aptitude and demonstrate financial need.
- 3) Students must show the desire and ability to follow a teacher's lesson plans.
- 4) Students must live and study within a 75 mile radius of Asheville.
- 5) Applying students should make arrangements to take piano lessons with a teaching member of AAPF.
- 6) Families or guardians who are making the applications must fill out and follow the instructions on the application form below.

**Review of Applications for Spring semester 2025 will begin in January** and be ongoing.

- 1) Once a student has been chosen as worthy recipients the review process will end.
- 2) Applications received after the 4 awards are made can be kept on file for openings.

**Students will hear back from the SAC chairperson, Carol McCollum, within two weeks of receiving all application materials, with a decision and explanation of the decision.**

**After reading this page of information, you may proceed to the Application itself.**

## APPLICATION FORM FOR NEW STUDENT AWARDS

**Note: Read the information on page 1 before completing the Application.**

1. Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Parent or Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_
4. All Pertinent Phones: \_\_\_\_\_
5. All Pertinent Email Addresses: \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Student's Age: \_\_\_\_\_ School Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School Name: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Have you chosen an AAPF Piano Teacher? \_\_\_\_\_ If "yes", name: \_\_\_\_\_.  
If "no", please consult the list of Teachers found at [www.ashevillepiano.org](http://www.ashevillepiano.org) . If you need more help finding a piano teacher consult AAPF Student Assistance Chair Carol McCollum by email: [camcc27@gmail.com](mailto:camcc27@gmail.com) .
8. A **recommendation** from a teacher or leader from your school, community organization, church, or from an AAPF piano teacher must accompany the other application materials. A paragraph is sufficient. If you have questions please consult Carol McCollum (see #7 above).  
Contact information for the person recommending the applicant must be provided.
9. **Financial need** is shown by a copy of the family's first two pages of the 2022 Federal Income Tax Return, copy of medicaid card or proof of free and reduced lunch and also by a written statement describing any particular financial situation of the student or family who is making the application.  
**Note:** Information received by the committee remains confidential with the SAC.
10. A **written statement** of the goals, reasons, and desires for the applicant's piano study is required. This can be written by either the student, parent/guardian of the applying student.
11. Send Application and all required materials to the SAC chairperson.  
**Carol McCollum, Student Assistance Chairperson**  
16 Deva Glen Rd.  
Asheville, NC 28804  
Email: [camcc27@gmail.com](mailto:camcc27@gmail.com) with any questions

**Important:** If a recipient of a New Student Award wishes to continue their piano studies after two semesters, and continues to need financial assistance, they will need to make an application for the **Continuing Lessons Awards**. Applicants need to be aware of deadlines as listed on that form.