



STUDENT ASSISTANCE - THE NEW STUDENT AWARDS 2024

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

Awards in the Spring of 2024 will be considered on a case by case basis.

- 1) Applications will be reviewed by the Student Assistance Committee (SAC).
- 2) Awards in the Spring of '24 are for one semester (a minimum of 16 lessons) of study.
- 3) Students who receive a Spring semester award should plan to apply for Continuing Piano Lessons Awards for the following academic year. See [here](#) for more information.

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 2024 will begin in January.

Students will hear back from the SAC chairperson, Carol McCollum, within two weeks of receipt of 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: _____

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 . If you need more help finding a piano teacher consult AAPF Student Assistance Chair Carol McCollum by email: 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 with any questions

Important: When emailing the SAC, Carol McCollum, please put this in your subject line:
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