FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

General Information

*(Please read carefully before completing application.)*

ELIGIBILITY
Financial aid for the regular academic year study is available to ECMS students for lessons, classes and ensembles. Preference is given to students enrolled in a diploma program. Financial aid is awarded on the basis of financial need and demonstrated musical achievement:

- **Financial need**: determined by the student’s yearly income, as shown on page one of their federal tax form or their SSI statement, to be submitted with this application.
- **Demonstrated musical achievement**: determined by the Teacher Recommendation Form on page 4 of this packet.

APPLICATIONS
Awards are not automatically renewed from one year to the next. Applications are accepted on a continuing basis throughout the year, but awards are determined only two times each year, August and December. Applications may be reviewed more often if time and funds permit.

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS
In addition to financial aid, current students who excel in their study at ECMS may be chosen to receive a merit-based scholarship. Recipients are chosen from faculty nominations. The student does not submit any application form.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD
Scholarship awards are normally for partial-tuition. Continuation of the award through the academic year in which it is given is contingent upon the applicant 1) maintaining his or her original level of registrations for the year (in terms of lesson hours and/or number of classes), and 2) meeting all financial obligations to the school not covered by the scholarship. Recipients of scholarships are obliged to inform the office of any changes which might seriously affect eligibility for continuation of financial assistance.

ESM/ROCHESTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT PATHWAYS PARTNERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS
Through a unique partnership between the Eastman School of Music and Rochester City School District, a limited number of partial and full tuition scholarships are available to qualified students of the RCSD in grades 5-12. Information on application procedures for this program is available through the RCSD music office (262-8473) or RCSD music teachers. DO NOT use this form for ESM/RCSD Pathways Scholarship application.

Checklist

- Financial Aid Application Form
- Proof of income – submit one of the following:
  - First page of federal tax return
  - SSI Statement
- Teacher Recommendation (may be submitted separately by the teacher)

Deadlines

- **August 1** - consideration for the coming school year.
- **December 1** - consideration for the spring semester.
- After December 1, requests will be considered only if funds remain.

*Applications will not be considered until all parts are received.*
PART ONE
(to be completed by all applicants)

Name of student ________________________ Date of Birth ______________________________
Street address _________________________________________________________________
City ________________________ State ______________ Zip Code _____________________________
Telephone ________________________________________ Email ____________________________
Instrument(s) for which you are applying ____________________________________________
Years of study ______________________
Eastman Community Music School Teacher ____________________________________________
Is this an application for a renewal of a previous scholarship award?     Yes    No    (please circle)
Are you currently enrolled in the Eastman Community Music School?    Yes    No    (please circle)
NOTE: If you are not currently enrolled for study in the Eastman Community Music School, please remember that this scholarship application must be accompanied by an Application/Registration Form.

PART TWO (to be completed by parents/guardians of dependent children)

Applicant is a student in the _____ grade at __________________________ School (School District __________)
Name of father/guardian ___________________________ Occupation ____________________________
Place of employment ___________________________________________________________________
Name of mother/guardian ___________________________ Occupation ____________________________
Place of employment ___________________________________________________________________
- For financial consideration, include page 1 of federal income tax return with the application form.

PART THREE
(to be completed by adult applicants and self-supporting students over the age of eighteen)

If a student:
Applicant is a student at __________________________

If employed:
Applicant is employed at __________________________ and occupation is __________________________
- For financial consideration, include page 1 of federal income tax return with the application form.
PART FOUR
Is the student pursuing one of the ECMS Pre-College or Adult Diploma courses of study? Yes No (please circle)

Please list courses, ensembles and classes the student is taking at ECMS.

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PART FIVE
Other educational expenses, musical achievements, and/or additional information that may be pertinent:

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PART SIX
(to be signed by parent/guardian of dependent child or by adult applicant)

I certify that the answers and information provided on this form are accurate to the best of my knowledge.

________________________________________________________________________________________________________
Signature
________________________________________________________________________________________________________
Date

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ECMS TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

Applicant must request completion by student’s primary Eastman Community Music School instructor for completion. Recommendations may be submitted separately from application.

Applicant Name ________________________________________________________________

Teacher Name ________________________________________________________________

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Please respond to the following using the accompanying scale, with 1 representing the lowest ranking, 10 representing the highest ranking. Present your opinion of the applicant, comparing the student to others you currently teach, or to ECMS students with whom you are acquainted.

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Current exam/jury level and/or grade ________________ School Grade ________________

Comments:

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Teacher Signature __________________________________________ Date ____________________