

Youth Piano Scholarship Fund

The **Youth Piano Scholarship Fund** is established to encourage piano study by dedicated K-12 students in Dane County, WI, with priority given to grades 7-12 and to students with financial need. The fund is intended to support their continuous progress on the piano leading to lifelong enjoyment on the instrument and/or to professional engagement.

The following are the types of areas of study to be supported by the scholarship funds:

- Piano Technique
- Piano Pedagogy
- Piano Performance
- Ear Training
- Music Theory and Composition in diverse styles
- Music History (piano compositions and/or keyboard instrument development)
- Knowledge and application of musical interpretation and/or improvisation

This grant is made possible through the generosity and recommendation of donor Lisa Luedtke as a component fund at the Madison Community Foundation. A committee of the Madison Area Music Educators (MAME) selects the recipient(s) and awards the Youth Piano Scholarship.

Details and Deadlines

- The amount of the 2026 scholarship fund is \$1,000. It is the committee's discretion whether the full scholarship will be awarded to one recipient or a number of recipients.
- The deadline to apply for the 2026 scholarship is Friday, May 1, 2026.
- Recipients will be selected by June 1, 2026. Monies will be distributed by June 20, 2026.
- Recipients are encouraged to send a personalized thank you letter or card to the fund donor.
- Applications are received at this link (<https://forms.gle/XuBMAvJYXfWa5BHF9>)

Application questions/fields (complete on a google form; provided here for your preparation and review; you will need to complete the google form in full in one sitting—you cannot partially complete it and return later.):

1. Applicant's First Name
2. Applicant's Last Name
3. Applicant's pronouns
4. Applicant's Parent/Guardian Name(s)
5. Contact email
6. Contact phone number
7. Applicant's Address, City, State, Zip
8. Is applicant a full-time resident of Dane County?
9. Grade in school during 2024-25 academic year
10. School attended during 2024-25 academic year

11. Does applicant study piano privately?
12. Name of private teacher
13. Please provide a statement describing your intended use of the scholarship. Please limit to 300 words or less. (Suggested uses include, but not limited to: continuing private music study, taking lessons with a university professor/professional musician, attending a summer camp/festival/event, hiring a professional accompanist/coach to support entry for a concerto competition, expense related to pursuing a goal as a student such as accessing a high level practice instrument.)
14. Please provide financial information about the program, camp, or way you are intending to use the scholarship. Include websites or any related information to help the committee understand the investment needed in the study you are pursuing. Please limit to 300 words or less.
15. Please tell us about your musical study interests, and other information the selection committee may find beneficial. Please limit to 500 words or less.
16. Please explain any personal or family extenuating financial needs and tell the scholarship committee why the applicant will benefit from monetary support.
17. Video links and/or performance media are not required but are welcome. Links can be listed here. Youtube, vimeo, etc. are preferred. PDFs and/or mp3 files of compositions can be emailed to scholarship@madisonmusiceducators.org. Please indicate if we should expect to receive this content via email from you.
18. Please list the name and email address of your private teacher or school instructor who will be submitting a letter of support on your behalf. Ask them to email a PDF letter to scholarship@madisonmusiceducators.org with your name and Youth Piano Scholarship in the subject line.