

2020-2021 Tuition Assistance Application Guidelines

The tuition assistance application for new students and/or returning students applying for scholarship for the first time consists of the following three components, which must be submitted together as a package:

1. **Tuition Assistance Application Form**, which is attached to this letter.
2. **A copy of the first page of your 2019 federal income tax return (Form 1040 or 1040A)**. In some cases, we may ask you to provide additional documentation of your financial situation. Please be sure to include all financial aid and scholarship awards received in the section on dependents.
3. **Music teacher recommendation letter**. New students are required to submit a recommendation letter from a current music teacher.

(* Applications that do not include all three of the above components are considered incomplete and will not be accepted nor processed.

Tuition assistance amounts are awarded on the basis of your financial situation as reported, the program you plan to take, a teacher recommendation, and other considerations. We assume that you will make a commitment to the program, so please bear in mind that if you register for fewer courses or lessons than stated in your application, the financial aid award will be reduced. Students who receive tuition assistance are expected to maintain their student standing and attendance at a high level. Violation of these policies may result in a loss of tuition assistance.

The Conservatory is not in a position to provide substantial support for **private lessons**, regardless of financial hardship. You should be aware of this when you apply and, if possible, seek additional sources of support.

Tuition assistance decisions are made after the student has completed the placement/audition process. If you are applying for tuition assistance for large ensembles only and you have already been placed through the May auditions, we can act on your application right away. If you are awaiting teacher placement or other fall placements (e.g. for chamber music, music theory, etc.), we will act on your application at that time.

Because our tuition assistance funds are limited, we request that you register as soon as possible and before September. If your circumstances change and you find that you cannot attend in September, we would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible. If we do not hear from you by October 1, 2020, we assume that you do not intend to register, and we will award your financial aid to another student.

Please note: a separate application must be completed for each student in a family.

- **The priority deadline for tuition assistance applications is July 1, 2020.**
- **The secondary deadline is August 1, 2020.**

Applications submitted after the above deadlines will also be considered. However, please understand that most of our limited tuition assistance funds are distributed shortly after the priority and secondary deadlines.

Sincerely,
The NEC Prep Scholarship Committee



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2020-2021 NEC Preparatory School Tuition Assistance Form

In addition to this **completed** form, please submit:

- Copy of page 1 of your family's 2019 Federal Income Tax Return (Form 1040 or 1040A)
- Teacher Recommendation Letter

Applications that do not include page 1 of your income tax return are considered incomplete and will not be accepted nor processed.

All information provided will be kept strictly confidential.

Today's Date: _____

Student's Name: _____ Instrument(s): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____ Current Private Teacher(s): _____

Returning Student? *(yes/no)* _____ Primary Email: _____

Contact Phone No.: _____ Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Student Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Address *(if different)*: _____

Total Annual Household Income _____ *(Additional documentation may be requested)*

Please list all persons who are dependent on this income:

| Name | Relation to Applicant | Age | School/College Tuition Costs <i>(indicate amount of financial aid awarded)</i> |
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Personal Statement

Please use this section for a written statement that will support your request for financial assistance. Include any information about your financial situation that is not reflected in your answers to the questions or the supporting documentation so that the Scholarship Committee has as complete a picture of your situation as possible before making the award decision. Include scholarships from other schools, summer camps and festivals. **Please write legibly.** Completion of this section is **mandatory** to be considered for tuition assistance.



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Proposed Course of Study for the 2020-2021 NEC Prep Academic Year

- If you are unsure of the courses in which the student would like to participate, please contact the Prep office.
- 2020-2021 tuition rates and fees can be found here: <http://necmusic.edu/prep/tuition-fees>
- **(*) Please note: The standard number of lessons in a school year is 30. Instructor approval is required for 24 lessons in a school year.**

Does the student intend to participate in the Certificate Program? *(circle one)* yes / no / not sure

For more information, visit <http://necmusic.edu/prep/certificate> or contact us.

CLASSES & ENSEMBLES

| Class or Ensemble Name | Tuition * |
|--|-----------|
| | \$ |
| | \$ |
| | \$ |
| | \$ |
| Subtotal Classes & Ensembles: | \$ |

(*) Please note: Tuition for most classes and ensembles is discounted if the student also registers for at least 24 private lessons for the 2019-2020 academic year.

PRIVATE LESSONS

| Instructor | Instrument | Length in Minutes (60/45/30) | Number of Lessons in the Year (24, 30, or 35) | Tuition for the Year |
|----------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| | | | | \$ |
| | | | | \$ |
| | | | | \$ |
| Subtotal Private Lessons: | | | | \$ |

Total Tuition for the Year: \$ _____ *

(*) Please note: In addition to the above tuition, a \$50 registration fee is charged in the Fall semester.

I understand that if my child registers for a program different from the one indicated, the amount awarded may be changed. I also understand that in order for my application to be considered complete, I must submit the first page of my 2019 federal income tax return and a teacher recommendation *(for new students only)* along with this form. If the application package I submit is incomplete, the Scholarship Committee will not accept it nor process it.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Guardian of applicant