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Thank you for your interest in the Nesin Cultural Arts Scholarship Program. We recognize that for some the cost of private music lessons can be prohibitive. We would like to be able to offer music lessons to any deserving and enthusiastic student.

We are pleased to be able to offer scholarships for each semester. The amount of scholarship money available in any particular year is based upon donations to the scholarship fund.

Scholarships are awarded according to need based criteria with preference given to those families who might not otherwise be able to afford music lessons. The size of each scholarship awarded will be determined based on the amount of scholarship funds available and the relative need of the family. The enclosed scholarship application form is designed to help the scholarship committee make these determinations.

All information in the application is held in the strictest confidence. The Music Program Director is the only one who will see the completed applications. Personally identifiable information will be deleted before members of the scholarship committee view it. This will help ensure that scholarships are awarded in a fair and equitable manner.

The committee will meet just before the start of each semester to award the first round of scholarships. After that first meeting, if scholarship money remains, they will meet as additional applications are submitted.

Scholarships for students applying for the first time will be awarded solely based upon need. Criteria for returning scholarship students will also include an informal review of the student's progress during the previous semester as well as his/her commitment to music lessons and practicing on a regular basis.

We hope that through this process we will be able to make your child's desire for music lessons a financial possibility for your family. Thank you for your interest and your scholarship application.



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Scholarship Lesson Guidelines

Scholarships (Full or Partial) are awarded:

- on the basis of financial need, talent, commitment and the availability of resources in the scholarship fund.
- for the length of time for which the funds are available.
- for either private lessons or classes.

Scholarship Application criteria:

In order to be considered for a scholarship, applicants must:
have shown evidence of financial need.

- have interest and desire to study music.
- have correctly completed all paper work for the scholarship application.
- have fulfilled all registration requirements and paperwork.
- have shown eligibility pertaining to other factors which may be included in evaluation, such as performance history, teacher recommendations
- have parental support. Parent must sign an agreement to take responsibility for:
 - transporting the student to lessons on time.
 - communicating with the school in advance to report an absence.
 - supporting the growth of the student through maintaining a consistent and positive practice time at home.

Scholarship Continuance Criteria:

In order to continue the scholarship, scholarship recipients must:

- re-apply yearly
- have regularly participated in NCA recitals, workshops and master classes
- have performed 10 hours of community service for Nesin Cultural Arts
- have turned in practice journals on a monthly basis.
- have demonstrated consistent growth in complexity of technical and performance skills.
- comply with Scholarship Committee's request to show evidence of continued financial need.
- have been consistent and punctual and in attendance at all lessons and rehearsals.

All absences should be reported 24 hours in advance of the lesson. In case of emergencies, notification to NCA must be made as soon as possible. **Three absences without advance notice will result in a loss of one's scholarship.**