



Tuition Assistance - Fall 2021 - Summer 2022

At Mountain Top Music Center, we aim to make the study of music financially accessible to all. Tuition assistance, based on need, is available to help mitigate the expense of music study.

Policies

- This **tuition assistance application** should be completed and returned before the student begins lessons.
- Mountain Top Music Center's tuition assistance program works on a **sliding scale**. We award different amounts of tuition assistance depending on household income and the availability of Mountain Top Music Center's scholarship funds. *Mountain Top sometimes awards tuition assistance to families whose income exceeds our limits when **special circumstances** affect a family's ability to pay. These exceptions are made at the discretion of the director.*
- Tuition assistance is **awarded in the fall and is in effect until the end of the following summer term**. Applications will be reviewed and accepted on a rolling basis after the fall term starts, subject to availability of funds.
- Tuition assistance may be applied to **one course of study**; for example, towards piano lessons *or* violin lessons, but not both at once. This keeps scholarship awards equitable and sustainable.
- A new tuition assistance application must be submitted each year.
- So that as many students as possible can benefit from reduced tuition, we do not currently offer full tuition remission.
- Applications are both reviewed and held **confidentially**. Mountain Top Music Center **does not discriminate** on the basis of gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, marital status, or age in employment or administration of its educational policies, scholarship and financial aid programs, or other school-administered programs or activities.

STUDENTS RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID MUST COMMIT TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. **Regular attendance at lessons/classes/ensembles.**
2. **Regular practice at home.**
3. **Participation in performances.**
4. **Effort and achievement.**

Students who are evaluated by faculty and administration as not engaging sufficiently with their course of study may be denied future tuition assistance.

Application

To determine whether you qualify for Mountain Top Music Center's tuition assistance program, find your family size on the left column of the table below, then find the income level appropriate to your household in the columns to the right. Please use your total gross income, taxable or not, in figuring your income level.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY LEVELS - Guidelines

Family Size	Level I	Level II	Level III
1	\$12,880	\$17,173	\$21,466
2	\$17,240	\$22,986	\$28,732
3	\$21,960	\$29,729	\$36,599
4	\$26,500	\$35,333	\$44,165
5	\$31,040	\$41,386	\$51,732
6	\$35,580	\$47,439	\$59,298
7+	\$40,120	\$53,492	\$66,864
Assistance Level	58%	48%	38%

To apply for tuition assistance, complete **all information** on this form, attach **either** your most recent IRS Form 1040, or copies of two recent consecutive pay stubs. You may mail, email or bring the form and attachments to Mountain Top Music Center, PO Box 1228, Conway, NH 03818. **You must reapply for tuition assistance each year.**

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Student Name(s): _____

Student's Parent/Guardian: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Town where student resides: _____

Student's lesson/class (ie: 30 min. private lesson): _____

Total tuition (calculate to the best of your ability): _____
(see www.mountaintopmusic.org for current fee structure)

Total tuition you can pay: _____

Total tuition assistance you are requesting: _____

FAMILY INCOME INFORMATION (Please provide latest available gross yearly income).

Parent/Guardian #1 or Adult Student

Parent/Guardian #2

Address

Address

Occupation

Occupation

Employer/Business

Employer/Business

Total income

Total income

Total household income _____

Number of people in household _____

Please describe below any special circumstances that create financial need.
Use a separate page if necessary.

I certify that the above information is true, correct, and complete (please sign)

Parent/Guardian/Adult Student Parent/Guardian

Date: _____

Date: _____

For Office Use Only:

Date Received: _____

Award Letter Sent (date): _____

Tuition Assistance Awarded: _____