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Official Guidelines

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*The World of Music School – Rising Star Scholarship*

# Introduction

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At ***The World of Music School***, we believe that music is more than notes on a page — it is a language of *growth, discipline, creativity, and hope*. Every child and every young musician who walks into our classrooms carries within them a dream: *the dream to express, to be heard, and to discover the power of their own voice*. Those dreams deserve not only encouragement, but also opportunity.

The ***Rising Star Scholarship*** was created to honor that belief. It was born from the generosity of those who understand that when we invest in students, we invest in their future. This program stands as a commitment to open doors for students who demonstrate passion, dedication, and perseverance, ensuring that no limitation overshadows their potential to shine.

This scholarship is not simply financial aid. It is a symbol of recognition — a way of telling our students ***“we see your effort, we value your growth, and we believe in your journey.”*** It is also a celebration of the values that define our school: responsibility, respect, and resilience through music education.

Every lesson offered through the Rising Star Scholarship represents more than a class; it represents an act of faith in the student’s talent and character. Each scholarship becomes a bridge between today’s effort and tomorrow’s achievement, between a personal dream and the support of a community that believes in them.

***“ Because when a community believes in a student’s dream, we unlock their potential, build confidence, and use music as a force that shapes not only musicians, but the leaders of tomorrow. ”***

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The **Rising Star Scholarship** was created thanks to the generosity of those who believe in empowering young musicians and investing in their future.

This program was born from the simple yet powerful idea that *opportunity can transform lives*. Every lesson, every moment of encouragement, and every chance to grow as a musician has the potential to change the course of a student's journey.

The scholarship reminds us that behind every young musician there is often someone who believed in them, someone who gave them the chance to keep learning and growing. Through the Rising Star Scholarship, we celebrate that spirit of generosity — the understanding that when we lift others, we help them discover their talent, confidence, and voice in the world.

It stands as a testament to the fact that opportunities are not created alone; they exist because of the kindness and vision of those who choose to support the next generation. With every contribution, big or small, we build a community where students know that their dreams matter and that there are people willing to invest in their growth.

***“ Because when we give a student the chance to shine, we are not only shaping musicians — we are shaping futures. ”***

## *Purpose*

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The purpose of the **Rising Star Scholarship** is to recognize and support students who demonstrate passion, discipline, and effort in music. It is more than a scholarship — it is a commitment to nurture potential, reward dedication, and encourage growth.

Music is not only about learning notes or techniques; it is about building perseverance, creativity, and confidence. The Rising Star Scholarship exists to ensure that students who embody these values have the opportunity to keep moving forward, regardless of circumstance.

This program serves as a reminder that excellence in music is achieved step by step, with persistence and dedication. By supporting students through this scholarship, we are fostering not only better musicians but also resilient individuals who will carry these values into every part of their lives.

*“ Because when we believe in a student’s potential, we give them more than lessons — we give them the courage to dream bigger. ”*

# Selection Criteria

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To be considered for the **Rising Star Scholarship**, students must meet the following criteria. These standards reflect commitment, growth, and respect within their musical journey:

<b><i>Enrollment</i></b>	Must be currently enrolled and active student at <b><i>The World of Music School</i></b> .
<b><i>Attendance</i></b>	Maintain consistent and punctual attendance to all lessons.
<b><i>Practice</i></b>	Demonstrate regular practice outside of class.
<b><i>Participation</i></b>	Engage actively during lessons and in school activities.
<b><i>Progress</i></b>	Show continuous improvement in musical skills over time.
<b><i>Attitude</i></b>	Maintain respect and positive behavior toward teachers and peers.

***These criteria are not based on financial need***, but on dedication, discipline, and the student's commitment to their musical growth.

***“ Because true talent is not measured by circumstance, but by consistency, respect, and effort — the qualities that define every Rising Star. ”***



# Benefits

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The **Rising Star Scholarship** provides more than just lessons — it represents recognition, encouragement, and the belief that every student’s dream is worth supporting.

- 🎵 **10 Scholarships:** Coverage of 4 lessons each, giving multiple students the opportunity to experience the support and recognition of being a Rising Star Scholar.
- + **3 Extra Credits:** Reserved for special purposes, such as:
  - *Incentive prizes*
  - *Additional reinforcement for the main scholar.*
  - *Carried forward to complement a future donation.*
- 🎸 **Instrument of Choice:** Students may use their scholarship credits toward the instrument of their preference (piano, guitar, voice, drums, etc.).
- 🏆 **Recognition:** Official acknowledgment as a Rising Star Scholar, celebrated within the school and its community.
- 💡 **Empowerment:** Building confidence, perseverance, and artistry with the support of the school and its mentors.

***“ Because the greatest gift we can offer is not only lessons, but the freedom to pursue the instrument that inspires each student’s passion. ”***

## *Expectations of the Recipient*

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Recipients of the ***Rising Star Scholarship*** are expected to honor this opportunity with commitment, discipline, and gratitude. By accepting the scholarship, each student agrees to:

- ✓ ***Attend all scheduled lessons*** punctually and respect the teacher's time.
- ✓ Demonstrate consistent effort and ***practice outside of class*** to ensure steady progress.
- ✓ ***Maintain a positive and respectful attitude*** toward teachers, staff, and fellow students.
- ✓ Honor the value of the scholarship by treating it as a ***serious commitment, not just free lessons***.
- ✓ ***Use the scholarship period as a chance to set personal goals*** in their musical journey (e.g. mastering a song, improving technique).
- ✓ Keep open communication with their teacher to address ***challenges and track progress***.
- ✓ ***Represent the Rising Star Scholarship with pride***, showing commitment as an example for other students.

***“ Because responsibility, gratitude, and discipline are the true notes that shape every Rising Star. ”***

# Application Process

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Applying for the ***Rising Star Scholarship*** is a simple process designed to highlight each student's passion, dedication, and commitment to music.

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## 1 Complete the Online Application Form

Students (with assistance if needed) must fill out the official *Rising Star Scholarship Application Form* provided by ***The World of Music School***.

 *The form will include:*

- ***Personal details:*** Full name, age, and parent/guardian contact information.
- ***Location:*** The campus where the student currently takes lessons (*Four Corners, Kissimmee, or Narcoossee*).
- ***Instrument of choice:*** The instrument the student wishes to use their scholarship credits for (*piano, guitar, voice, drums, etc.*).
- ***Practice habits:*** How many days per week the student practices and what their routine looks like.
- ***Musical goals:*** What the student hopes to accomplish during the scholarship period (*e.g., mastering a specific song, improving technique, preparing for a recital*).

- **Motivation:** A short reflection on why music matters in their life and why they want to be considered for ***the Rising Star Scholarship***.

*This step is not about perfect answers, but about understanding the student's effort, goals, and passion for music.*

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## **2 Provide Personal and Musical Background**

*Students may share additional information, such as:*

- How long they have been playing their chosen instrument.
  - Any past experiences in school recitals or music-related activities.
  - A challenge they've overcome in their musical journey and what they learned from it.
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## **3 Confirm Commitment**

Applicants and parents/guardians must acknowledge that they ***understand and accept the expectations of the scholarship***, including:

- Punctuality and consistent attendance.
- Regular practice outside of class.
- Respectful and positive behavior in lessons and at the school.

*This confirmation ensures that the scholarship opportunity will be valued and respected.*

#### 4 Submit the Application

- Completed applications must be submitted through the official online form before the deadline provided by *The World of Music School*.
  - The form will be available **through the School App** and also as a **Google Form link**, ensuring that every family has easy access regardless of platform.
  - Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.
  - Families will receive a confirmation once their submission has been received.
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#### 5 Notification of Results

- The Selection Committee will carefully review all applications.
- Selected recipients will be contacted directly by the school.
- Official announcements will be made through *The World of Music School's* communication channels (App, email, WhatsApp, or newsletter).
- In addition, recipients will be recognized at the school with a **certificate of achievement**, celebrating their selection as Rising Star Scholars.




*“ Because applying is not just filling out a form — it is the first step in showing dedication, courage, and the passion to grow as a Rising Star. ”*

# Selection Committee

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The **Selection Committee** is responsible for reviewing applications and identifying students who best represent the values of dedication, passion, and growth that the **Rising Star Scholarship** stands for.

The committee will be composed of:

-  **Music Instructors:** Teachers who directly witness students' effort, progress, and commitment during lessons.
-  **School Administration:** Representatives of **The World of Music School** who ensure fairness, transparency, and alignment with the school's mission.
-  **Community or Leadership Representatives (optional):** Trusted individuals invited by the school to bring an external perspective and reinforce impartiality.

## Evaluation Process

*Applications will be evaluated based on the following:*

1. **Commitment:** Consistent attendance and practice habits.
2. **Progress:** Evidence of growth and improvement in lessons.

3. **Passion:** The student's motivation and personal goals expressed in their application.
4. **Attitude:** Respectful and positive behavior toward teachers and peers.





*The committee's role is not only to select recipients but also to recognize the spirit of students who are striving to grow through music.*

***“ Because choosing a Rising Star is not only about talent, but about honoring dedication, effort, and the heart behind the music. ”***

## *Recognition*

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The **Rising Star Scholarship** is not only about lessons — it is also about celebrating dedication, discipline, and passion for music. Recipients will be honored in ways that highlight their achievement and inspire others to follow their example.

-  **Certificate of Achievement:** Each Rising Star Scholar will receive an official certificate, recognizing their selection and commitment.
-  **Public Acknowledgment:** Scholars will be celebrated through *The World of Music School's* communication channels, including the App, email, WhatsApp, and newsletter.
-  **Community Recognition:** Scholars may be recognized during school events or recitals, giving them a moment to shine and motivating their peers.
-  **Role Model Status:** Becoming a Rising Star Scholar represents more than personal growth — it is an honor that sets an example for the entire student community.

*“ Because recognition fuels inspiration, and every Rising Star deserves to be celebrated for their dedication and dreams. ”*