



## Scholarship Application for private lessons July - December 2025

The Paul Thorpe Music Education Fund at Asheville Music School has been created in honor of Paul Thorpe, director of AMS, 2003-2011, to bring music lessons, instruments, and outreach to our community and those in need. Scholarship awards are determined by a committee of Asheville Music School board members and the Scholarship Manager.

Founded in 2020, the Sean Mason Memorial Scholarship will specifically benefit students studying percussion instruments, as well as jazz and composition.

Scholarships are awarded for six month semesters: July through December and January through June. Families must re-apply for scholarships each semester. Families who are awarded scholarship funds through the PTMEF are strongly encouraged to contribute back to AMS by volunteering at least 4 hours during the scholarship semester.

Criteria for award includes:

- Proof of financial need
- Evidence of commitment to music education
- If re-applying, past record of volunteer hours completed

To apply: **Completed Applications must be received by May 31, 2025**. No late or incomplete applications will be considered. Applications may be emailed to [scholarships@ashevilmusicschool.org](mailto:scholarships@ashevilmusicschool.org). Paper copies may be mailed or hand delivered to the AMS office. The deadline is a RECEIPT date.

A completed application consists of:

- Completed application form
- Personal statements from Student and Parent
- Proof of financial need
  - Copy of 2024 Federal individual income tax return Form 1040 (pages 1 and 2).
  - W-2 forms are **not acceptable**.
  - If you do not file an individual tax return, you may submit one of the following:
    - Copy of Social Security Benefits statement (if applicable)
    - Proof of government assistance (if applicable)
    - If you have questions about financial need documentation, please contact the Scholarship Manager well in advance of the deadline.



## Scholarship Application Form July - December 2025

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument/voice \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years studying music: \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable, what AMS teacher are you currently studying with? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a specific AMS teacher you would like to study with? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently have an instrument to practice on at home? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently involved in other ensembles or activities at AMS or elsewhere? Please list:

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Personal Statement (on a separate sheet of paper):

Student:

- Why do you want to study music?
- What are your long-term goals for music in your life, and how could this scholarship help you achieve those goals?
- If you are a current scholarship student reapplying, please include a summary of your family's volunteer activities this past semester.

Parent:

- What is your commitment to music lessons?
- What are your beliefs about the importance of music and practicing a musical discipline in your child's life?