



# North Metro Music Education

## North Metro Music Education Elizabeth Paige Fish Scholarship Program

North Metro Music Education (NMME) is committed to supporting the musical education and development pursuits of deserving students. Under the Elizabeth Paige Fish Scholarship Program, four (4) tuition scholarships are being offered to current and future NMME students, for the 2025-2026 school year.

### **NMME Core Class Tuition Scholarship**

The NMME Core Class Tuition Scholarship offers financial assistance to students currently enrolled or planning to enroll in any NMME core class. This scholarship includes the tuition cost of one (1) core class. It does not include registration and supply fees associated with enrollment.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

This scholarship is available to NMME students whose family income does not exceed \$60,000 AGI. Applicants must also be enrolled in or planning to enroll in NMME and fulfill the specific requirements related to the scholarship. Ineligible applicants include but are not limited to: Substantial contributors to NMME; Members of the Board of Directors of NMME; Directors, instructors, and key employees of NMME; and family members of any of the above individuals, including children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

### **Application Process**

Please submit the following items by Saturday, March 15, 2025, for a complete application packet:

- Complete application, which also includes:
  - Family Income Assessment
  - Essay on “What NMME could do for me/my child and the benefits of a scholarship for me/my family.”
- 2024 Income Tax Return
- Two (2) Character Reference Letters.
  - For applicants under the age of 12, please provide character references for his/her family.
  - Character references must not be family relatives.
  - Please be sure to include contact information for all references.

## Application Guidelines

- Applications and associated documents must be submitted by mail or e-mail.
- Applications submitted by mail must be postmarked by **Saturday, March 15, 2025**, to **North Metro Music Education, c/o Scholarship Program, PO Box 669612, Marietta, GA 30066**. The application package must include all required documents in a single envelope. Submissions in multiple envelopes will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.
- Applications submitted electronically must be sent to **scholarships@nmme.org** by **11:59 p.m. on Saturday, March 15, 2025**. The email must include scanned copies of all required documents; no documents should be sent separately. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.
- The NMME Board of Directors will review applications and select recipients. Scholarship recipients will be contacted via e-mail and mail on April 2, 2025, with an official letter from NMME. Please do not contact NMME before April 2<sup>nd</sup> to check on the status of your application.

## Use and Timing of Scholarships

- Disbursement of scholarship funds will be issued as a credit to the student's NMME tuition bill for the applicable academic year. No direct payments will be made to students. The recipient will be responsible for enrolling in the class and paying the associated registration and supply fees.
- Students awarded a scholarship will be required to utilize the funds exclusively for the academic year for which they applied. Failure to enroll and use the scholarship within the designated timeframe will result in forfeiture of the award. Additionally, withdrawal from NMME will result in forfeiture of the award.
- No deferrals or extensions will be granted except under extraordinary circumstances beyond the applicant's control, which must be approved in advance by the scholarship committee at its sole discretion.
- Scholarships will not be issued without confirmation of the student's enrollment into the NMME program.
- The NMME board may revoke a scholarship if the student fails to adhere to the NMME handbook or does not attend his/her class at least 75% of the school year. If the scholarship is revoked, the student will be responsible for repayment of the full amount to NMME.
- NMME scholarships are not automatically renewable. Applicants must reapply annually, meeting the same eligibility criteria as first-time applicants, including enrollment and adherence to program guidelines. Previous recipients may reapply but are not guaranteed an award, as all applications are competitively reviewed.

Enrollment information (including registration and supply fees) can be found at: [nmme.org](http://nmme.org)

Please submit any other questions to: [scholarships@nmme.org](mailto:scholarships@nmme.org)