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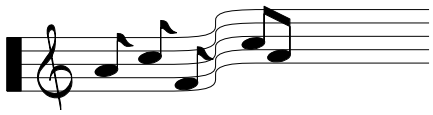

February 1, 2020

Dear Music Educator,

Arrowbear Music Associates is an independent non-profit organization that works to provide scholarships for young instrumental music and choral students wishing to go to a summer music camp. This letter is to inform you of our organization and to make available to you an application for those students you feel are both deserving and in need of a scholarship.

Applications will be reviewed and considered along with all others sent to us. Applications must be postmarked no later than **April 6, 2020.** Scholarship notification letters will be postmarked no later than **May 11, 2020.**

This year's Scholarship Application can be downloaded at your convenience from our website at www.arrowbearmusicassoc.org/scholarships. Please be sure to include the parent cover letter with the application materials. The application can be duplicated, so you can more easily give them out to your students. If you have any questions regarding scholarship information, write to us at the address below or contact our Scholarship Representative, Laura Kusaba, at (562) 634-5158. You can also email her arrowbearmusicassociates@gmail.com.

If you have any questions regarding a specific music camp, please contact the camp directly. As a non-profit organization, we cannot assist students with information on camps or enrollment procedures.

Sincerely,
Clifford N. Kusaba
President

PO BOX 1294 LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90714-1294

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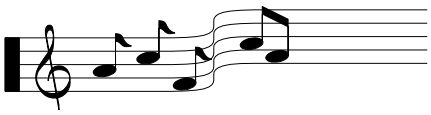

February 1, 2020

Dear Parents,

Arrowbear Music Associates is a non-profit organization that works to provide scholarships for young instrumental music and choral students wishing to attend a summer music camp. Please follow the directions carefully and submit all materials postmarked no later than **April 6, 2020.** Late applications will not be considered for any reason. Scholarship results will be postmarked no later than **May 11, 2020.**

Most scholarships generally range from one-half to three-fourths of the camp tuition depending upon the camp. There is only one full scholarship available for instrumental students and one full scholarship for choral students. Scholarships awarded are based on both need and merit. Include any pertinent information to help us determine the level of your need for a scholarship for your child.

Applications must be mailed to Arrowbear Music Associates, PO Box 1294, Lakewood, CA 90714. Do not mail the application to a music camp. All materials must be included in the same packet. CDs/flash drives or recommendation letters that arrive separately cannot be considered. Please do not request to send any application materials by email. Do not send a DVD or any kind of video recording. We will not view it and your application will be considered incomplete. CDs/flash drives cannot be returned. **Use regular U.S. mail only**. DO NOT send it express mail, certified mail, UPS, FedEx, Return Receipt Requested, special delivery, or request any type of proof of delivery. We will not accept it if you do.

It is your responsibility to contact the music camp to arrange enrollment. As a non-profit group, we cannot give out information on any camp. If the camp offers discounts to enroll early, feel free to take advantage of the opportunity, but include the amount of the expected discount on your application. Most camps are willing to refund any money to you that your child receives as a scholarship from us. Scholarship checks are mailed directly to the music camp and not to the recipient.

If your child is eligible for a discount (early full payment/multiple siblings/first time camper, etc.) or you have accepted a scholarship from a different organization, indicate this on the line that asks for the cost of the session you want to attend. That amount should be your out-of-pocket cost after already known discounts and/or known scholarships are applied. If our scholarship program is the only one you are applying for and you are not eligible for any discounts from the camp, then list the full cost of the session.

Applying for a scholarship implies a serious commitment to attend a summer music camp. Recipients are expected to attend their entire session without arriving late or leaving early barring any emergency. Refusing an awarded scholarship due to summer school or to participate in a family vacation is unfair to other applicants who could have used the scholarship. Be sure of your summer plans before you apply. Scholarships are awarded based on the information submitted on the application. Scholarships are not transferable to other camps or sessions.

If you have any further questions, please contact our Scholarship Representative, Laura Kusaba, at (562) 634-5158 or email her at arrowbearmusicassociates@gmail.com. Additional Scholarship Application forms are available on our web site at www.arrowbearmusicassoc.org/scholarships.

Sincerely,
Clifford N. Kusaba
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2020 REVISED INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS – MARCH 29, 2020

A) Complete the Scholarship Application included in this packet. Enclose the application along with a recordable CD or a flash drive **in MP3 format** (see B below), a two to three paragraph letter stating your reasons for needing this scholarship, a letter explaining who helped you record your solo and what help they provided, and a teacher recommendation form (optional this year) sealed inside an envelope OR sent to us by email. (see E below). The application must be completely filled out for us to consider your application. **Don't leave any section blank**.

The cost of the session is your out-of-pocket cost after all expected discounts, including early full payment discounts, or other already accepted scholarships are applied. If this is the only scholarship you are applying for, and you are not eligible for any discounts, list the full cost of the session.

B) In order that we might judge your talent more objectively, please record a recordable CD or a flash drive **in MP3 format** of one of the following:

1. Grades 4 - 8 Instrumental: a two or three-octave scale of your choice and a suitable solo
2. Grades 9 - 12 Instrumental: a three-octave scale of your choice and a suitable solo
3. Percussion: a two or three octave scale of your choice using mallets and then rhythms on a snare
4. Grades 9 - 12 Vocal: two vocal selections (one classical and one popular selection)

Accompaniment is optional for all solos. CDs/flash drives cannot be returned. It is your responsibility to ensure that your solo is recorded well. We are not responsible for blank recordings or CDs/flash drives that will not play on our equipment. DO NOT send a DVD or any kind of video recording. We will NOT view it. Your application will be considered incomplete, and you will be ineligible for a scholarship. **We do not accept solos posted on YouTube.

Please label your CD/flash drive with the following information:
a) Your name b) Name of scale (instrumental) c) Name of solo and name of composer if sending a CD

C) A letter written by the applicant explaining the reasons he or she needs this scholarship. Parents may include their own letter, but we must have a letter written by the applicant no matter their age. If we receive a parent letter only, the application will not be considered.

D) We understand that some applicants may not have the support of a private or school music teacher to help you record your solo this year. Please explain to us who helped you record your solo and what help they provided. If you recorded the solo by yourself, that's fine. Just tell us that. The applicant, or an adult, may write this letter.

E) A letter of recommendation from your school or private music instructor is optional this year, but please make every reasonable effort to obtain one. Enclosed is a recommendation form. Give or email this form to your instructor and have him/her return it to **YOU** in a sealed envelope. Enclose the sealed recommendation form in the completed application packet. If your teacher is unable to give you the letter in a sealed envelope, the teacher may email it to us at arrowbearmusicassociates@gmail.com with your name in the subject line. You will **NOT** be penalized if you are unable to obtain a recommendation letter.

F) A self-addressed stamped envelope **MUST** accompany the Application, the letter from the applicant explaining need, the letter explaining what help you received in recording the solo and scale, the sealed recommendation (optional this year only), and the CD/flash drive.

❖ Scholarships are awarded based on the information provided in the application. Once awarded, scholarships are NOT transferable to another camp, session, or individual unless your session is cancelled due to a state-mandated quarantine or stay-at-home order due to COVID-19. In that case, we will work with you to see if your registration can be switched to a later session. If that is not possible, we will hold your scholarship for you until Summer 2021. You will NOT need to reapply for a scholarship if your session is cancelled and cannot be rescheduled.

THE APPLICATION PACKET MUST INCLUDE ALL OF THE ABOVE AND BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 6, 2020, TO THE ADDRESS BELOW.
THE RECOMMENDATION LETTER IS THE ONLY ITEM WE WILL ACCEPT BY EMAIL.

READ ON TO THE NEXT PAGE

Mail the completed packet to: Arrowbear Music Associates
PO Box 1294
Lakewood CA 90714-1294

- **Use regular U.S. mail only**. DO NOT send it express mail, certified mail, UPS, FedEx, Return Receipt Requested, special delivery, or request any type of proof of delivery. It will not be accepted if you do.

- Scholarship results will be postmarked no later than **May 11, 2020.** All applicants will receive notification of results. A stamped self-addressed envelope **MUST** be enclosed for this purpose. Any questions, please contact Laura Kusaba at (562) 634-5158 or email her at arrowbearmusicassociates@gmail.com.

THE APPLICATION IS ON THE NEXT PAGE.
THE RECOMMENDATION FORM FOLLOWS THE APPLICATION.

2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Email _____

School _____ Age _____ Current Grade _____

Instrument _____Years Played _____
Or
Vocal Part _____ Years in Choir _____

Do you take privately? _____ How long? _____

Private Teacher's Name _____

Recommendation letter from _____

List solos you have studied:

List honor groups or special groups with which you have performed:

Total family yearly gross income _____ Number of persons in household _____

Check only one session you intend to enroll in. It will determine the amount of any scholarship awarded.

Elementary ☐ Intermediate/Junior ☐ Advanced/Senior ☐ Jazz ☐ Choral ☐ Other ☐

Name of Session: _____

Name of Camp _____ Length of session _____ *Cost _____

*****The cost is your out-of-pocket cost after all expected discounts, including early full payment discounts, or other already accepted scholarships are applied. If this is the only scholarship you are applying for and you are not eligible for any discounts, list the full cost of the session.

Have you ever attended a summer music camp before? Choose one: Yes ☐ No ☐

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2020 RECOMMENDATION FOR MUSIC CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

Please print the following information:

Name of student _____

Your name _____

Your address _____
Street number & Name City State Zip

Your telephone number _____ Email _____

Your position _____ School _____
(if applicable)

Your association with student _____

Arrowbear Music Associates is asking for this recommendation for the purpose of awarding scholarships to summer music camps. Please carefully consider your comments about this applicant to include remarks on both merit and need due to their importance in our decision-making process. If more space is required, please use a separate sheet of paper.

_____ _____
Signature Date

Please return this form in a sealed envelope to the applicant so he/she can include it in the completed application packet. For this year only, you can scan and email your recommendation letter to us at arrowbearmusicassociates@gmail.com. Please put the applicant's name in the subject line.