

ARROWBEAR MUSIC ASSOCIATES

AN EDUCATIONAL CORPORATION



February 1, 2025

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 in the United States. 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 **March 31, 2025**. Scholarship notification letters will be postmarked no later than **May 12, 2025**.

This year's Scholarship Application can be downloaded at your convenience from our website at www.arrowbearmusicassoc.org/scholarships as a PDF document. It is also available in a fillable version that can be printed out after it is completed. 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 at 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

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Dear Parents,

Arrowbear Music Associates is a non-profit organization that works to provide scholarships for young instrumental and choral students wishing to attend a summer music camp in the United States. Please follow the directions carefully and submit all materials postmarked no later than **March 31, 2025**. Late applications will not be considered for any reason. Scholarship results will be postmarked no later than **May 12, 2025**.

Most scholarships generally range from one-half to three-fourths of the camp tuition depending upon the camp. There are only two full scholarships 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 if you choose to send the solo and scale audition files on a flash drive. Only MP3 audition files can be sent by email. Please do not request to send any other application materials by email except the audition files. Do not send an MP4 video file or DVD. We will not view it, and your application will be considered incomplete. 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
President

PO BOX 1294 LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90714-1294

2025 INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

- A) Complete the Scholarship Application included in this packet. A fillable application is also available on our website at arrowbearmusicassoc.org/scholarships. Enclose the printed application, a two or three paragraph letter stating your reasons for needing this scholarship, a teacher recommendation letter sealed inside an envelope (See Section D below), and a self-addressed stamped envelope (See Section E below) in one packet to send to us. The application must be completely filled out for us to consider your application. **Do not leave any section blank.**

If you choose to send your scale and solo audition files on a flash drive, the flash drive **MUST** be included along with the printed application, student letter, teacher recommendation letter, and a self-addressed stamped envelope in the same packet to be considered (See Section B below).

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 scale and a solo **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)

We are offering three options for you to send the scale and solo audition files **in MP3 format** to us.

- a) Email the scale and solo files to us at **AMAauditionfile@gmail.com**
- b) Put the scale and solo files in Dropbox and email the link to us at **AMAauditionfile@gmail.com**
- c) Put your scale and solo files on a flash drive. Include the flash drive with the paper application materials listed in Section A above. **Label the flash drive with your full name.**

Please name your MP3 files using **your name** as follows: **john_doe.scale** and **john_doe.solo**

We will acknowledge that we have received the audition files or the Dropbox link by email.

****Accompaniment is optional for all solos. It is your responsibility to ensure that your scale and solo are recorded well. We are not responsible for blank files or flash drives that will not play on our equipment. Flash drives cannot be returned. DO NOT send an MP4 video file or a DVD. 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.****

- 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) A letter of recommendation from your school or private music instructor. Enclosed is a recommendation form. Give 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.
- E) A self-addressed stamped envelope **MUST** accompany the printed application, the letter from the applicant explaining their need for a scholarship, the sealed recommendation letter, and the flash drive if you choose to send a flash drive rather than emailing the MP3 files.

- ❖ Scholarships are awarded based on the information provided in the application. Once awarded, scholarships are **NOT** transferable to another camp, session, or individual.
- ❖ We only accept one application per student. Please do not submit multiple applications hoping to receive a scholarship to more than one camp or session.

Instructions are continued on the next page.

**THE APPLICATION PACKET MUST INCLUDE ALL OF THE PAPER MATERIALS LISTED ABOVE.
IF YOU CHOOSE TO SEND THE SCALE AND SOLO ON A FLASH DRIVE,
IT MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE PAPER APPLICATION MATERIALS AS WELL.**

**THE APPLICATION PACKET MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER
THAN MARCH 31, 2025, TO THE ADDRESS BELOW.**

WE DO NOT ACCEPT PAPER APPLICATION MATERIALS BY EMAIL.

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

**IF YOU CHOOSE TO SEND THE SCALE AND SOLO AUDITION FILES BY EMAIL OR DROPBOX LINK,
THE DEADLINE REMAINS NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2025.**

- ❖ **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 12, 2025**. All applicants will receive notification of results. A stamped self-addressed envelope **MUST** be enclosed for this purpose.
- ❖ If you have questions, please first read the **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)** document available on our website at www.arrowbearmusicassoc.org/scholarships. You can also contact Laura Kusaba at (562) 634-5158 or by email at arrowbearmusicassociates@gmail.com.

Checklist – What to Include in Your Application Packet Envelope

- _____ A. The scholarship application. Be sure to fill in all the lines. Please print neatly.
- _____ B. **Two** audition files – one a solo and the second a scale **OR two** vocal selections for choral.
 - Put the two audition files on a flash drive and include the flash drive in the envelope **OR**
 - Email the two audition files to AMAauditionfile@gmail.com **OR**
 - Upload the two audition files to Dropbox and email the link to AMAauditionfile@gmail.com
- _____ C. Write a letter explaining why you need a scholarship. This letter must be written by you. Your parents can also include a letter if they wish, but we must have a letter written by you.
- _____ D. A letter of recommendation written by your private teacher or your school music teacher. This letter should be sealed in its own separate envelope.
- _____ E. An envelope addressed to yourself with a stamp. We will use this envelope to mail your results letter to you.

2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Email _____

School _____ Age _____ Current Grade _____

Instrument _____ Years Played _____

Or
Vocal Part _____ Years in Choir _____

Do you take privately? Yes No 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

**Application packet must be postmarked no later than MARCH 31, 2025.
Mail to: Arrowbear Music Associates, PO Box 1294, Lakewood CA 90714-1294**

2025 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. Recommendations mailed separately will not be considered and will disqualify the applicant from consideration.