



## Financial Aid Guidelines and Application

*(Please read guidelines carefully before completing application)*

### OVERVIEW

Bloomingtondale has a long-standing commitment to financial aid. We believe music is for everyone, and offer tuition assistance to address financial barriers to music study. Over 100 students receive some form of aid every year. Every application is reviewed on its own merits and awards are granted at the discretion of the Financial Aid Committee through a confidential review process. The committee will convene 3 times a year to review applications, following each application deadline which are as follows:

- August 15, for the Fall semester
- January 15, for the Spring semester
- June 15, for the Summer semester

Financial Aid awards are only applied toward course tuition, are not eligible to cover any fees (Registration, Payment Plan, etc), and cannot be combined with any promotional discounts. All financial aid awards are subject to review at the end of each semester. Teacher's reports and attendance records will be considered in determining any continued financial aid for returning families.

### ELIGIBILITY

Financial Aid is awarded on the basis of need, therefore all applicants are required to submit proof of income along with their application every year. Financial aid decisions are made according to the following:

- Financial need as determined by family size, income, extenuating circumstances, etc
- Number of applicants in household
- Availability of funds
- Student progress and attendance (for returning students)
- Current account standing with BSM (for returning students)

### SCHOLARSHIP RENEWALS

Assuming good standing, Fall semester awards are automatically carried over to the Spring as long as a registration is received by the Financial Aid deadline. It is important to note that although Fall awards are carried over into the Spring semester, awards are not automatically renewed from one school year to the next; all students must reapply every Fall. Mid-semester or mid-year award reevaluations are sometimes available, only in cases with extenuating circumstances.

### CONDITIONS OF AWARD

Financial Aid awards generally cover partial tuition. Students may apply for either a group or private class. A second class of chamber music, orchestra, or theory will also be considered. Continuation of the award through the academic year is contingent upon the following:

- Regular attendance of lessons. More than two unexcused absences per semester may result in the re-evaluation and possible termination of assistance.
- Account up to date- no outstanding balances by the time of renewal. Delinquent accounts can jeopardize current or future scholarships.
- Reasonable progress from lessons that indicates commitment of study.



## Application for Financial Aid

I am applying for the following semester(s)     Fall                       Spring                       Summer  
 I am a new student/family                       I am a returning student/family

### General Information

Student Name(s)	Date of Birth (xx/xx/xxxx)	Gender*	Ethnicity*

\*(Gender and ethnicity information is optional; the information gathered is for statistical purposes that is helpful to Bloomington School of Music in order to report and secure critical foundation support for financial aid scholarships. Bloomington School of Music does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, ethnic origin, religious belief, or gender self identification.)

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  Cell                       Home  Work

Secondary Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  Cell                       Home  Work

Primary Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

(For Adult Students only) Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

### New Students (current students please skip to next section)

How did you hear about BSM \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument requested \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher preference \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: (please select one)

- I already own an instrument
- I do not have an instrument, but will obtain one (Note: Bloomington School of Music does have a limited number of instruments available to rent on a semester basis).

Please describe any/all previous musical studies \_\_\_\_\_

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Current BSM Students

How did you hear about BSM \_\_\_\_\_ Years at BSM \_\_\_\_\_

Current BSM teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Years studying your instrument \_\_\_\_\_

How has receiving Financial Assistance from BSM impacted your music studies?

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School Information

*(Adult Students, please skip to next section)*

Please list each applicant's school(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Grade(s) as of September 2019 \_\_\_\_\_

Does student receive financial aid at their current school?  Yes  No

If yes, how much financial aid per year? \_\_\_\_\_

What music classes and ensembles does the student take at school? (If any) \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent Information

*(To be completed by parents/guardians of dependent students. Adult Students, please skip to next section)*

Parent 1- Primary Contact

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from above)

\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent 2

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from above)

\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address

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Financial Information

Please attach a copy of your most recent Federal Income Tax Form 1040 as proof of income AND/OR proof of assistance such as: unemployment, social security, any other type of public assistance, child support, alimony, etc. Your application cannot be processed without this information. All information submitted will be held in the strictest confidence.

Adult student/Parent 1 yearly salary before deductions \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 2 yearly salary before deductions (if applicable) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Do you receive financial support from relatives, alimony, or other monetary gifts?  
 Yes  No If yes, what is the total amount? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received Public Assistance, SNAP Benefits, Unemployment or Disability Benefits during the last year?  
 Yes  No If yes, what is the total amount? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your monthly housing expenses  Owned  Rented \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Household Information

How many members currently in household over the age of 18: \_\_\_\_\_

How many household members under the age of 18: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any family members who you support financially but do not live in the same household (i.e., college students or elderly parents)?  Yes  No

Please list their name, relationship and age:

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Please explain your needs for financial assistance. Feel free to provide any other information you feel would help the financial aid committee develop a clearer picture of your family's financial situation (unusual medical bills, extraordinary expenses, any extenuating circumstances, etc.) Feel free to include a separate page if needed.

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Enrollment Information

*Please fill-out the following section carefully. List all lessons or classes for which you intend to enroll. Please note: financial aid will only be granted for one (1) course of study (private lessons, group classes, or early childhood classes) per student. Second classes of chamber music, ensemble, dalcroze, or music theory will be considered.*

Student Name	Lesson/Class Requested	Second class Requested (Chamber, Dalcroze, Ensemble, or Music Theory ONLY)	Total cost per student (per semester)
<i>Example: John Smith</i>	<i>30 min. Voice lessons</i>		<i>\$1,307</i>
Total cost of class(es) requested			\$
Maximum amount family can contribute			\$
Total amount of aid requested			\$



*Before certifying, please check back through your application and make sure all required information is included, to ensure a review of your application is not delayed.*

#### Certification

I do hereby affirm that all of the information I have provided on this form is true to the best of my knowledge.

I confirm I have read the financial aid guidelines and registration policies.

I understand that any false or misleading statements on this financial aid form may result in aid re-evaluation.

I understand my income needs to be verified and will mark below the documentation I am including with this application

- I am enclosing the first page of my most recently filed IRS Form 1040.
- I do not have a Form 1040. Instead, I am enclosing
  - Evidence of public assistance benefits
  - Evidence of unemployment
  - Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of parent or adult student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date