



PROWUS Scholarship Application

Application Requirements

An applicant for a PROWUS Music Scholarship must:

- Be aged 8-18 when applying
- Provide their most recent school transcript or proof of academic progress. A 3.0 GPA or more is required.
- Submit a complete application each time the applicant wishes to apply.
 - PROWUS cannot use previous application information to determine eligibility for a scholarship.
- Submit proof of income with application.

Acceptable forms include **ONE** of the following:

 - The first two pages of last year's IRS 1040 tax return (please block out Social Security Numbers and birthdates)
 - Copies of paystubs for the past 2 months (for all supporting parents)
 - A qualifying letter of enrollment in Federal Free / Reduced Lunch Programs*
- Provide references from at least two sources such as their music instructor, school teacher, athletic coach, etc.
 - See attached "References" and "Instructor / Music School References" for details
 - Make sure to contact references **well before due date** to confirm they have sent their reference forms to PROWUS Grant Committee (prowusgrants@gmail.com).

APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETE, AND MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- APPLICATION FORM, INCLUDING ALL SIGNATURES
- PROOF OF INCOME
- ESSAY
- GRADES
- LIST OF REFERENCES

* For more information on qualifications for Federal Free/Reduced Lunch Programs, please see: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/applying-free-and-reduced-price-school-meals>



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Application and Document Submission

Complete applications, including reference forms and all required documentation, must be received by the PROWUS Grant Committee **on or before:**

- May 1 (for Spring Scholarships)
- November 1 (for Fall Scholarships)

UPDATE AUGUST 2020: DUE TO OVERWHELMING NEED, PROWUS WILL KEEP THE APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE PROCESS OPEN, AND WILL REVIEW APPLICATIONS AS THEY ARE RECEIVED.

Applicants:

Complete application including all required forms and send:

via US mail to: PROWUS Grant Committee OR via email to: prowusgrants@gmail.com
P.O. Box 14115
Portland, Oregon 97293

References:

Have your references complete the 'Reference Form for Instructor / Music School' and send:

via US mail to: PROWUS Grant Committee OR via email to: prowusgrants@gmail.com
P.O. Box 14115
Portland, Oregon 97293

MAKE SURE YOUR REFERENCES SUBMIT THE 'INSTRUCTOR/ MUSIC SCHOOL REFERENCE FORM' DIRECTLY TO THE PROWUS GRANT COMMITTEE.

Contact prowusgrants@gmail.com with any questions regarding submitting (via postal mail or email) applications, reference letters or any documentation.



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Application Review Process

- All applications are carefully reviewed and rated by an independent panel of reviewers with no affiliation to any music programs in the Portland Metro Area or to PROWUS.
- Scholarships are issued based upon the recommendation of the independent review panel, along with blind discussion and majority vote from the PROWUS Board Members, and subject to available funds.
- All applications are confidential and will be kept on file for 12 months.
- Notice of scholarship approval or denial will be sent approximately 4 weeks after the application due date, along with a check made out to your music instructor/school



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Scholarship Acceptance Process and Requirements

If the application is accepted and a scholarship is granted to the applicant:

The applicant will receive

- an email or phone call informing them of the scholarship amount received, and
- a scholarship acceptance form via email for the applicant to sign and return to the PROWUS Grant Committee.

Upon the PROWUS Grant Committee receiving the signed acceptance form, PROWUS will send a check to the applicant's instructor in the amount granted by the PROWUS Grant Committee.

Upon accepting the scholarship:

A member of applicant's family or the applicant must be willing to volunteer at a PROWUS fundraising event or activity as needed.

- PROWUS will contact the applicant and / or family with options for fulfilling the volunteer requirement.

The applicant and parent or guardian must provide a testimonial describing the impact of the scholarship (a form will be provided to the applicant on receiving the scholarship).



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PLEASE FILL OUT ALL INFORMATION. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ Age _____ Year in School _____

Name of Music School / Instructor where enrolled / plan on enrolling _____

Music School / Instructor Phone _____

What Instrument(s) do you play / want to play? _____

How many years have you been playing music? _____

Current Community Involvement (through school, church, music or other) _____

Parent Last Name _____ Parent First Name _____

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Parent's Cell Phone Number _____ Best Time to Call _____

The following financial information is needed from the primary custodial parent(s) of the applicant.

Do you have any additional sources of income such as:

- Unemployment insurance - \$ per month _____
- Disability payments - \$ per month _____
- Social Security Benefits - \$ per month _____
- Alimony - \$ per month _____
- Child Support - \$ per month _____

How much are your program or lesson costs per month? _____

How much of this amount can you contribute? _____

Special Circumstances

Please use this section to tell PROWUS any specific needs you may have that are not captured above (you may include a separate sheet of paper if necessary).



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Scholarship Application - Signatures

_____ Please initial here that all information provided on this application is correct and you understand that PROWUS will not accept incomplete applications. All questions must be answered, and all required information and paperwork must be submitted in order for the application to be considered for review. Please contact prowusgrants@gmail.com with any questions, concerns or barriers to completion of this application.

Applicant Name _____

Parent/Guardian
Name(s) _____

ParentGuardian
Signature _____ Date _____

STUDENT APPLICATION: FOR PROWUS USE ONLY:

Application complete	Essay submitted	References provided	Transcript provided
Financial materials provided			



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Scholarship Application - References

Applicant Name _____

Please provide reference information below. At least two references names must be provided; one must be your current music instructor; the others can be a school teacher, athletic coach, church administrator, etc. References may not be family members of the applicant. Please provide each person you ask for a reference with a copy of the "Reference Form for Instructor / Music School" for them to submit separately.

1. Reference Name _____ Phone Number _____

Relationship to applicant:

- Music Instructor
- School Teacher
- Athletic Coach
- Other (please specify) _____

2. Reference Name _____ Phone Number _____

Relationship to applicant:

- Music Instructor
- School Teacher
- Athletic Coach
- Other (please specify) _____

3. Reference Name _____ Phone Number _____

Relationship to applicant:

- Music Instructor
- School Teacher
- Athletic Coach
- Other (please specify) _____

