



Please be assured that all information you provide including this application itself will be held in the strictest confidence. Each application is given a numerical code to protect the privacy of applicants. Please also understand that, although we do not want anyone to be denied enrollment because of inability to pay fees, we do have limits on the amount of financial aid we can provide.

**Purpose:**

As part of our mission, the Sun Valley Music Festival makes every effort to keep music education affordable and accessible to all. The Education Financial Aid program was developed specifically for the purpose of assisting individuals and families who can demonstrate economic need.

**Eligibility:**

A student can apply for financial aid each semester. Applications must be legibly printed in ink or typed and must be signed by a parent or guardian. Applications must be received by the deadline (generally 2 weeks before the start of the semester). They may be mailed or faxed to the Sun Valley Music Festival education office.

**Deadlines for Application and Financial Aid Review Process:**

The Sun Valley Music Festival Education Director and Financial Aid Committee review all financial aid applications prior to the start of a new academic year. Awards are made on the basis of need until available funding limits have been reached.

Applications are due two weeks before the beginning of the academic year. Applications received after these dates will be held for review at the next regularly scheduled Financial Aid Committee meeting. (Special circumstances will be addressed as needed.)

**Notification of Awards/Denials:**

The Education Director will notify applicant of the financial aid award/denial within 48 hours of the committee's decision.

**Amount of Award:**

The Financial Aid Committee generally provides partial scholarships for private lessons. Under special circumstances the Committee can award at a higher level. The remaining balance owed is to be paid monthly as billed.

**Renewals and Reapplication Requirements:**

Financial Aid requests can be renewed from semester to semester, as long as the student continues to make diligent efforts and demonstrates increasing progress in their musical studies. Failure to do so may jeopardize financial aid renewal.

All financial aid recipients asking for renewal of their financial aid will be required to reapply for consideration each academic year. This will involve completion of the application for financial aid and a review of the student's progress to date.

**Privacy Issues:**

Every effort is made to protect the privacy of the individual/family applying for financial assistance. All financial aid forms are confidential.

Sun Valley Music Festival does not inform its faculty which students are receiving financial assistance, and which are not. Therefore, all faculty will teach each student as if they are paying full fees for lessons.

**Changes in Financial Aid Policy and Procedures:**

Sun Valley Music Festival reserves the right to amend any of its financial aid policies and procedures through action by the Education Committee. Approved changes will be communicated to scholarship recipients and applicants through a written letter.

**Non-Discriminatory Policy:**

The Sun Valley Music Festival education programs admit students of any race, color, religion, national, or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students in the program. Sun Valley Music Festival does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national, or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, financial aid programs, and other programs.