

Manitoba Orff Chapter – DEI Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a candidate applying for the Orff Level 1 summer course at the University of Manitoba. The successful candidate must meet the following criteria.

Eligibility Criteria:

- 1. Membership Requirement:**
 - a. Applicant must be a member of the Manitoba Orff Chapter.*
- 2. Educational Requirements:**
 - a. Must be enrolled in and successfully complete the Orff Level 1 program at the University of Manitoba.
- 3. Musical Experience:**
 - a. While prior formal music training or experience is encouraged, the scholarship is open to all music pedagogues and music pedagogues in training. Applicants are required to provide information about their musical background and music teaching experience.
- 4. Personal Statement (DEI Focus):**
 - a. A compelling personal essay or statement (between 500 and 700 words) explaining how the applicant's background and experiences demonstrate commitment to DEI issues, and how it has shaped their perspective on music education.
 - b. The statement should also outline how the applicant plans to contribute to diversity and inclusion through their musical pursuits.
 - c. This essay may be presented in written or video format.
- 5. A letter of recommendation:**
 - a. A letter of recommendation is required from either:
 - i. A music educator, mentor, or teacher who can speak to the applicant's commitment to music and their potential for contributing DEI initiatives in music education.
 - ii. A community member or another individual who can speak to the applicant's character, personal growth, and involvement in DEI initiatives, especially in music or educational settings.

* Successful recipients will receive up to \$500 to use towards their course fee and MOC membership fee.

General Terms and Conditions:

- 1. Application Deadline:** Applications must be submitted by May 30, 2025.
- 2. Award Notification:** Applicants will be notified by June 15, 2025.
- 3. Award Disbursement:** Scholarship funds will be awarded directly to the recipient to cover educational expenses such as tuition, music programs, or related material.

4. **Commitment to Reporting:** Award recipients may be required to submit a brief report or presentation on how they used the scholarship for their education and how it has contributed to their DEI work.
5. **Non-Discriminatory Policy:** The scholarship is open to all applicants, regardless of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or national origin.