



The Port Huron Musicale

Robert Fraser Legacy • Emily and Ella Stewart Fund • Harriett Burchill
Charles and Margaret Anderson Fund of the Community Foundation of St. Clair County

2026-2027 Scholarships for Music Lessons -

For students who will be in Grade 5 through Middle College in the Fall 2026 semester

Application Deadline:

March 20, 2026

Audition Dates:

April 24 & 25, 2026

Through the generous bequests of Emily and Ella Stewart, Robert Fraser, Harriett Burchill, and Charles and Margaret Anderson to The Port Huron Musicale and the Community Foundation of St. Clair County, a series of scholarships for private lessons has been established. The scholarships honor their commitment to area young people.

HOW TO APPLY:

- ☐ Fill out the Student Application Form
- ☐ Request a Teacher Recommendation (they fill out the form)
- ☐ Pay the application fee by check (mailed) or Zelle

All three of these must be completed by the deadline (March 20) to be considered for the scholarships.

- All information and links to applications are available online at www.ThePortHuronMusicale.com.
- Deadline for applications is March 20, 2026. All forms and application fees must be received or postmarked by the deadline date.
- Students and parents will complete the online student application form (this is a Google Form). Also, a separate online teacher recommendation form (this is also a Google Form) must be completed by the student's private music teacher, school music teacher, or homeroom teacher.
- There is a fee of \$5 for each application. Fees must be submitted by check or Zelle (cash cannot be accepted).
If paying by check: payable to *The Port Huron Musicale*, postmarked by March 20, 2026 and sent to Barbara Collins, 915 Bonhomme Court, Port Huron, MI 48060 (*please include student's name in the memo line of the payment)
If paying by Zelle: the recipient email address to pay is phmusicale@gmail.com *please include the student name(s) in the memo (NOTE: the Zelle email is not to be used for any other communications regarding the scholarships or The Port Huron Musicale.)
- Paper applications are available upon request - please contact phmusicalescholarships@gmail.com

ELIGIBILITY:

- Students who will be in Grade 5 through Middle College in the Fall 2026 semester.
- Students who live in the Port Huron or Marysville school districts. Students may attend public, charter or private schools, or be home-schooled.
- Students outside of these school districts may apply if their private teacher is a member of The Port Huron Musicale.
- Beginning students may apply and are encouraged by the Scholarship Committee. A beginning student is one who has had less than one year or no instruction on their instrument. He/she will show an interest in music and must have access to an instrument. (**If you are a beginning student and have more questions about the audition process, please contact phmusicalescholarships@gmail.com*)

SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Scholarships are for private lessons on all band & orchestra instruments, piano, acoustic guitar, and voice with a qualified teacher approved by The Port Huron Musicale. (*Students applying for scholarships with other instruments may be accepted at the discretion of the scholarship committee.*)

- The total scholarship is for \$400, paid directly to the private teacher in two installments in September and January. Students will be expected to complete 30 lessons* during the school year. (**or the equivalent to 15 hours of instructional time in the 2026-2027 school year*) Any balance over the scholarship amount for yearly lesson fees is the responsibility of the student.
- Lessons must begin by October 1, 2026 or the scholarship will be forfeited.
- Students are eligible to receive the scholarship for two years during grades 5-8 and for two years during grades 9 through middle college. They must apply and audition each year for eligibility.
- Students may audition on more than one instrument. They should submit separate applications and pay the fees for each application. They will be allotted separate audition times for each instrument. Only one scholarship per student will be granted in one year.
- Scholarships will continue throughout the school year, subject to a satisfactory report from the teacher.
- Students will be notified of the judges' decisions before May 31, 2026. The decision of the judges is final.

EVALUATIONS:

- Scholarship recipients will be required to participate in one of the following: NFMC Festival, MMTA Student Achievement Testing, MSVMA or MSBOA Solo and Ensemble Festival. They will be responsible for any fees and/or accompanist required. At the request of the teacher, this requirement may be waived for beginners.

AUDITIONS:

- Auditions will be held on Friday, April 24 (4:30-7:30 p.m.) and Saturday, April 25 (8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.) at Community of Christ—Wadhams Grove, 4920 Lapeer Road, Kimball. **Students will be assigned an audition time, which they will receive along with instructions VIA E-MAIL by April 10.**
- Students will be asked to prepare one short selection of 1 to 4 minutes for the audition. Beginners who have not yet begun study of an instrument may use a recorder or sing for their audition. Memorization is not a requirement. It is recommended, though not required, that instrumental and vocal students have an accompanist. The student will obtain the accompanist at their own expense.
- **Please read these requirements carefully:** Two copies of your music must be provided for the judges. One must be a legal purchased copy of music, and an additional copy (this may be a photocopy) is needed, which will be collected and destroyed after the audition according to Federal copyright law. If you are playing from music (not memorized), you must bring **THREE** total copies (one original and two photocopies—a copy for yourself and two for the judges).

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS:

- Teachers must be approved by The Port Huron Musicale. A partial list of qualified teachers is available from the Scholarship Committee.
- The teacher must have one of the following qualifications:
 Bachelor of Music degree in applied music, or
 Bachelor of Music Education, or
 Certificate of completion from a conservatory or its equivalent, or
 Certification with Michigan Music Teachers Association or Music Teachers National Association, or
 Suzuki Certification

** there may be exceptions to these qualifications in some circumstances, which will be determined at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee*

QUESTIONS? Contact phmusicalescholarships@gmail.com

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About The Port Huron Musicale...

The Port Huron Musicale, a member of National Federation of Music Clubs, has been active in the Port Huron area for over 100 years, presenting public music performances, supporting other area arts organizations, having a women's chorus, sponsoring the annual NFMC Music Festival for students and especially providing scholarships to students for summer music camp and private lessons.

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in supporting music and students in the local area.

Parents and teachers are invited to become members for annual dues of \$25.

Although it is not a requirement for the teacher or parents to be a member of Musicale, they are encouraged to become a part of the organization, thereby supporting its efforts to advance music education in the area.