



## INFINITE MUSIC RISING STARS™ RULES AND POLICIES

Rising Stars™ is a music-merit award program, which empowers students with private music lessons emphasizing preparation, courage, critical thinking and perseverance while providing an invaluable opportunity for students to improve their instrumental or vocal skills.

There is no cost to apply; this award is fully funded by Infinite Music (IM) and its sponsors. Award amounts are based on the endowment and grant dollars available.

All applications/nominations submitted must follow the rules and conditions outlined below.  
Those that do not meet these requirements may be disqualified.

### Application | Nomination Requirements

- Students must be enrolled in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades (12-18 years of age by [September 1, 2026](#)) during the year of nomination.
- All Infinite Music Rising Stars (IMRS) applications must be endorsed by the students' school music teacher, counselor, or principal.
- All applications must be submitted by deadline. ([October 1, 2026, 12 midnight](#))
- Only one application is allowed per student. Incomplete applications will be returned for completion or disqualified.
- Only available to students enrolled in San Luis Obispo County or northern Santa Barbara County public schools.
- Applicant or nominator may not be the recipient of lesson funds. Music teachers are paid directly from Infinite Music.
- Student must maintain a 2.0 grade point average.
- Student must show a desire to be proficient in their chosen instrument, and self-motivated (i.e. understanding that practice is paramount).

### Infinite Music Rising Stars Award Conditions

Each award may be used only for qualified individual and/or group lessons, as defined by Infinite Music. IM shall determine the time and conditions of awards at its sole discretion. Infinite Music may specify the documentation required to ensure that the recipient is following an appropriate course of study. If the Rising Stars award recipient withdraws from school – or their progress is unsatisfactory, and the award recipient makes no alternate arrangements to pursue their music course of study at the same or another educational institution in San Luis Obispo County or northern Santa Barbara County – then, at its sole discretion, Infinite Music may terminate the award.

- An RS award recipient and their parent will be presented a RS Student/Parent agreement prior to lesson commencement, with required signature by both student and parent.
- 10-week lessons will be awarded under the following conditions: After successful completion of the first four weeks of instruction, remaining 6 weeks of lessons will be contingent on meeting RS performance benchmarks, outlined in RS Award Winner Student/Parent agreement.
- Award recipient may receive RS award in consecutive years.
- Award recipient is required to participate in Infinite Music's Rising Stars™ Showcase performance.

### Infinite Music Disqualification of an Applicant

An applicant may be disqualified if; their nomination/application has not been properly submitted or within the prescribed deadline; there is a lack of sufficient merit; or if there is a violation of any portion of the rules or policies. If an application contains materials that appear to violate any of these rules, IMRS Selection Committee may, at their sole discretion, disqualify the application in its entirety or withdraw the remaining balance of an award that has not been paid out on the award recipient's behalf.

Disqualification also may occur if an application that is submitted on time contains any omissions, errors, or falsifications. However, IMRS Selection Committee, at their sole discretion, may contact the applicant to point out the violation and provide the applicant time to complete or correct the application.

### Infinite Music Disqualification of an RS Selection Committee Member

To avoid an actual or apparent conflict of interest, no one may act as a Rising Stars™ Selection Committee member with respect to an applicant if they are directly related or otherwise feel that they might be, or appear to be, biased. All decisions by IMRS Selection Committee members are final. Infinite Music™ employees, Board Members and IMRS Selection Committee members and their immediate family members are not eligible to apply for an award or be recognized as Infinite Music Rising Stars™.

### Discretion of Infinite Music; Binding Nature of Decisions

It is acknowledged and agreed that all decisions of Infinite Music regarding the award program and the use of the award, is at Infinite Music's sole and absolute discretion, subject only to compliance with applicable laws, rules, and policies. As such, all decisions of Infinite Music Rising Stars™ Selection Committee shall be final and binding and are not subject to challenge in any manner. The number and content of awards are determined at the sole discretion of Infinite Music.

### Termination and Amendment of Program

Infinite Music reserves the right in its sole discretion to terminate their Rising Stars™ program at any time and for any reason and to change any of the rules regarding the award or use of any awards. In addition, amendments to the program may affect the terms and conditions of any unused awards previously granted.

Infinite Music does not and shall not discriminate based on race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations.