

Purpose:

As part of our mission, the Sun Valley Summer Symphony School of Music (SOM) makes every effort to keep music education affordable and accessible to all. The SOM 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 (contact office for dates). They may be mailed or faxed to the SOM office.

Deadlines for Application and Financial Aid Review Process:

The SVSS Education Director and Financial Aid Committee review all SOM financial aid applications prior to the start of a new semester. Awards are made on the basis of need until available funding limits have been reached.

Applications are due two weeks before the start of any semester. 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 hrs 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 in 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 SOM 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.

The SOM 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:

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

Non-Discriminatory Policy:

The Sun Valley Summer Symphony School of Music (SOM) admits 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. SOM 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 SOM-administered programs.