

2008-2009 MTAC DISCOVERY SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Marin MTAC Discovery Scholarship Program offers full and partial scholarships for private study in piano, violin (and possibly other instruments) to motivated young people whose families are financially unable to provide such lessons.

Student must be a Marin County resident.

Only one scholarship will be offered per family.

Student must be enrolled in a Marin County public school in grades 2 through 10 during the coming year.

Student must have *daily* access to a practice instrument.

The student's family is responsible for the cost of books, recitals and related materials and must provide transportation to weekly lessons, which are held at the home or studio of a participating MTAC teacher. Students are permitted one missed lesson per year.

The scholarship pays for a total of thirty-six 45-minute lessons during the school year (September through June) and is renewed on a year-to-year basis, provided funds remain available, musical goals are being met and student financial need remains constant. Piano students are required to pass the Certificate of Merit evaluation every 2 years. Beginning in their second year of study, students on non-keyboard instruments must perform twice a year in an MTAC recital.

Decisions regarding financial need are based on demographic information obtained from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for Marin County in the year the application is processed. Applicant is required to submit a copy of his/her most recent Federal Income Tax return (including Schedules A and/or C) or provide current proof of Aid for Dependent Children (AFDC) and/or verification of other sources of income.

Student must provide in his/her own handwriting a short letter answering the following questions:

- a. Have you studied piano, violin or any other instrument before? Give details.
- b. Are you interested in a second instrument? If so, which one?
- c. Why do you want to take lessons?

A letter of recommendation from the student's current classroom (home room) teacher is required. We also encourage (but do not require) additional letters of recommendation from adults who know the applicant and can attest to his/her seriousness of purpose, musical aptitude and other personal qualities.

Applications must be postmarked on or before **May 15, 2008**. Student interviews will be held in July 2008. To request an application, contact the Discovery Scholarship Treasurer by email at musicamarin@pacbell.net