

Music Teachers' Association of California - Marin County Branch
APPLICATION GUIDELINES for 2009/2010 DISCOVERY SCHOLARSHIP

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. Limited to one scholarship per family. Students on full scholarship to a private schools may apply, but must provide a letter from the school verifying the scholarship.

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 of non-keyboard instruments must perform twice a year in an MTAC recital. In the event a student starts later in the year, the number of lessons will be pro-rated.

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 (homeroom) 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 **November 30, 2009**. Student interviews will be held in during the Winter Break. Lessons will start in January 2010. Mail all materials to:
Discovery Scholarship Treasurer 127 Bolinas Avenue, San Anselmo, CA 94960

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Be sure to read the Discovery Scholarship Application Guidelines before filling out this form. All information on this form is kept strictly confidential by the Discovery Scholarship Committee, a private entity not affiliated with any governmental agency, whose sole purpose is to provide music scholarships to qualified young public school students who live in Marin County.

For further information or help filling out the form, call Christina Bradley at 415-302-0396

How long have you lived in Marin County? _____ years

How did you hear about Discovery Scholarship? _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Your name _____

Your Relationship to Applicant

_____ Mother/Father _____ Grandparent _____ Legal Guardian

Other (please explain) _____

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Your Marital Status:

_____ Married _____ Separated _____ Divorced _____ Single _____ Widowed

E-Mail address _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Fax Number _____

Current employment status:

_____ Full-time _____ Part-time _____ Self-employed _____ Unemployed

Other (please explain) _____

Household Income

Income Category	Applicant	Spouse/Other	Total
Wages, salary, tips, etc.	\$ /year	\$ /year	\$ /year
Welfare benefits	\$ /year	\$ /year	\$ /year
Social Security benefits	\$ /year	\$ /year	\$ /year
Child support received	\$ /year	\$ /year	\$ /year
Workers' Compensation	\$ /year	\$ /year	\$ /year
Veterans's benefits	\$ /year	\$ /year	\$ /year
Disability	\$ /year	\$ /year	\$ /year
Income from other countries	\$ /year	\$ /year	\$ /year
Other income - explain below	\$ /year	\$ /year	\$ /year

Household Assets

Assets	Applicant	Spouse/Other	Total
Cash on Hand	\$	\$	\$
Savings Account(s)	\$	\$	\$
Checking Account(s)	\$	\$	\$
Real Estate Owned	\$	\$	\$
Investments	\$	\$	\$

Household and Financial Information

MTAC Marin Discovery Scholarship is interested in your household and financial information to determine your level of financial need. All information will be kept strictly confidential. Please respond to all applicable questions and submit a copy of your most recent Federal Income Tax return, including all forms and schedules. A “Comments” section is provided on the next page. Feel free to use it to explain any special circumstances.

Household Liabilities/Expenses

Do you own or rent your home? Own Rent

Monthly Expenses	Applicant	Spouse/Other	Total
Rent/mortgage	\$	\$	\$
PG&E	\$	\$	\$
Phone	\$	\$	\$
Sanitary Service & Water	\$	\$	\$
Child Support Payments	\$	\$	\$

Income Change (Complete the section below only if your family's anticipated income for the next 12 months will be significantly different than the annual income listed on you most recent tax form.

Projected Monthly Expenses	Applicant	Spouse/Other	Total
Rent/mortgage	\$	\$	\$
PG&E	\$	\$	\$
Phone	\$	\$	\$
Sanitary Service & Water	\$	\$	\$
Child Support Payments	\$	\$	\$

Comments: _____

Authorization and Certification Section

I understand that it my responsibility to read, understand and fill out this application accurately and complete, and to comply with all deadlines.

I understand that I will not receive a scholarship if my application is incomplete.

I understand that scholarships may be denied of withdrawn if any information reported on this application is found to be intentionally misleading or inaccurate.

I understand that I must inform MTAC Marin Discovery Scholarship of any changes of address or financial circumstances.

Parent/Guardian's signature Date _____

Spouse's signature (if married) Date _____

Completed applications and all relevant materials must be postmarked on or before **November 30, 2009** and mailed to:

Christina Bradley
Scholarship Treasurer
127 Bolinas Avenue
San Anselmo. CA 94960

Checklist:

- _____ Completed application form.(required)
- _____ Student's personal letter (required)
- _____ Classroom (homeroom) teacher's recommendation.(required)
- _____ Other adult recommendations (optional)
- _____ Verification of full tuition scholarship, if student attends a private school
- _____ Income Verification (required - check the type enclosed)
 - _____ 2008 Federal Tax Return (most applicants)
 - _____ Current Aid For Dependent Families (AFDC) Receipt
 - _____ Past 3 months' bank statements (if self-employed 12 months or less)
 - _____ Other income verification, if none of the above are available.