



**Makayla Joy Sitton Music Scholarship
NEW STUDENT APPLICATION PROCESS
APPLICATION DUE **MAY 1st****

This music scholarship was established in honor of Makayla Joy Sitton and her love of music. It provides exceptional music education and performance opportunities for K-12th grade students in need of financial assistance. Scholarships are awarded based on a review of the application, a personal interview (for 1st year applicants only) and the availability of funds. Previous scholarship recipients will be given preference and emergency applications are only considered for very special circumstances when the deadline has passed. Emergency scholarship recipients will be asked to apply as a new applicant for the next year.

GETTING STARTED - please check off items as completed

- Applicants must be between 5-18 years old and demonstrate financial need.
- Our guide for eligibility is 20% above the FL DCF food assistance program income limits. (Applicants with income above these limits may be considered for special financial circumstances.
- Applicants may apply for only ONE scholarship per family.

Guide for Income Limits (20% above FL DCF SNAP limits)	
# in house	Annual Income
2	\$44,000
3	\$55,500
4	\$66,500
5	\$78,000

APPLICATION

Your submission packet must include these 4 items (in this order) to be considered complete:

- A completed application form including parent statement.
- An essay by the applicant.
- A copy of FORM 1040 from the most recently Filed Tax Return.
- This completed checklist/processes page.
- Email 4 items: **1: Complete Application, 2: 1040, 3: Essay, and 4: This Completed Checklist** to Info@GraceNotesMusicFoundation.org

REFERENCES

- Application must include TWO references not related to you, but people who know you well (e.g. a teacher, coach, religious leader).
- Distribute the **reference form** to the references listed on your application. Ask them to email the completed form to Info@GraceNotesMusicFoundation.org by **MAY 1**

DEADLINE - FOR ALL APPLICANTS

- All parts of the application and Reference Forms must be received on or before **MAY 1**
- It is your responsibility to make sure Reference Forms are submitted by the deadline of **MAY 1**. We recommend you follow up with your references.
Application materials received after the deadline will not be considered.

INTERVIEWS

Personal interviews are required of all first time applicants selected by the Scholarship Committee. The committee will reach out to schedule the interview.