



APPLAUSE LESSON SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

2016-2017 Academic Year

Applause, the LFHS music booster organization, encourages private musical instruction and is able to provide scholarships through Applause membership donations and fundraising efforts.

Description: Need-based Scholarships are made available to students in the LFHS music program to offset a portion of the cost of private, in-school music lessons from instructors selected by the music directors. The Scholarships cover one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of private lesson fees up to **\$150.00** per student per semester.

Selection Criteria: The Scholarships are need-based, as determined by the Music Directors.

Instructions:

1. **How to Apply:** Complete and sign the attached *Lesson Scholarship Agreement Form* and have the *Form* signed by a parent and the private instructor. Submit the *Form* to your Music Director by **October 3, 2016** (Semester I) or **February 3, 2017** (Semester II). Your Music Director will notify you if your application is approved. A Scholarship is automatically renewed for Semester II upon successful completion of the semester and it is not necessary to submit the *Form* again. However, students must submit a new *Form* for each new school year.
2. **Cap on Payments:** The Scholarships cover one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the cost of private lessons, up to **\$150.00** per student per semester. In no event will Applause pay more than half of the total lesson cost incurred or more than \$150 per semester.
3. **Student's Performance Requirements:** In order for *Applause* to pay the Scholarship amount, the student **must**:
 - Attend private instruction sessions regularly
 - Contribute positively to the school ensemble
 - Make progress in lessons, and
 - Complete four (4) hours of Volunteer Service to Applause or the LFHS Music Directors per semester (as described in #5 below).
4. **Payments to Instructors:** Students/parents are responsible for paying the private instructor on a weekly basis for their portion of the private lesson fees. *Applause* will pay the instructor directly at the end of the semester upon receipt of the invoice from the instructor and verification of the student's performance requirements (#3 above). If a student does not satisfy the performance requirements and forfeits some or all of a Scholarship award, the student will be responsible for paying the private instructor any balance due.
5. **Volunteer Service:** Students receiving scholarship funds are responsible for completing four (4) hours of volunteer service to *Applause* or the LFHS Music Directors before the end of each semester. The student will work with Music Directors to determine appropriate volunteer assignments. Examples of service opportunities with *Applause* include: help with mailings, volunteer at Spaghetti Dinner, usher at concerts.



APPLAUSE LESSON SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT FORM

To the Student: You are responsible for obtaining all of the signatures on this *Form* before submitting it to your Music Director

By signing below, you confirm that you understand the terms on the previous *Applause Lesson Scholarship Information* page and you agree to abide by them.

STUDENT SECTION

Student Name: _____ Year in School: _____

Home Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Ensemble at LFHS: _____ Instrument: _____

Briefly describe need for financial assistance:

PARENT/GUARDIAN SECTION

My signature hereby authorizes *Applause* to provide direct payment of these scholarship funds to the private music instructor listed below.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Email _____

MUSIC INSTRUCTOR SECTION

Name of Private Instructor: _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Instructor Signature: _____

Students are to return this completed form to their LFHS Music Director by **October 3, 2016** for Semester I and **February 3, 2017** for Semester II. Contact *Applause* Scholarship Coordinator, Sally Davis, with any questions at (847) 295-7392, or sldavis@scj.com.