



MMTA's **MUSIC CONNECT PROGRAM**

Description for Student's Parent or Guardian

MMTA believes that any child who has musical ability and interest in playing an instrument or singing deserves the opportunity to explore this talent. The MMTA Music Connect Program (MCP) offers music lessons tuition-free to students who have a demonstrated financial need and will study with an MMTA member in good standing. MMTA is thrilled to offer this program to our member teachers and their students!

Students accepted into the MMTA Music Connect Program will receive up to 32 tuition-free lessons during a given academic year. The MCP tuition benefit is renewable for subsequent years of study with the approval of the teacher and the MMTA.

To get started, an MMTA teacher recommends a student for the MMTA Music Connect Program. The student may be a new student who has been interviewed and accepted by the teacher or one already enrolled in the teacher's studio.

The student's parent or guardian ("you") must then complete an application (see form below). Once the student is approved for the MCP, the MMTA will pay tuition for up to 32 lessons in that academic year directly to the teacher. The MMTA will not have any other financial responsibility for these lessons. You will not have to pay tuition for the lessons under the MCP during that academic year. You and the teacher may separately agree that the student will receive additional lessons for the teacher's regular tuition.

Students will also receive the benefits of the teacher's studio as provided in the course of the teacher's regular program of instruction. You will be responsible for studio fees outlined in the teacher's regular studio policy, such as festival and competition fees, administrative fees and book costs. You will also be responsible for maintenance of an instrument in playable condition and to facilitate the student's full participation in the teacher's program, including regular attendance, practice and recital participation. The teacher will provide periodic progress and attendance reports for the student and will send copies of these reports to the MMTA. As with any student, the teacher will have the right to terminate the lessons if the teacher determines that the student's progress or participation are not satisfactory. The MMTA will not supervise the teacher or the student.

At the end of each calendar year, MMTA will issue to you a statement declaring the full value of the tuition received for that year as a result of the MCP, based on the teacher's regular tuition fee. Depending on your individual circumstances this tuition value may be taxable income and you may wish to consult a tax professional about the applicable IRS requirements.

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To continue, please download the [Student/Parent Application Form](#)