



The Minstrel Foundation in support of the MFMSSF (Matthew Ferguson Memorial Staff Scholarship Fund)

2026 Application Form

The Staff Scholarship Fund was established in 1996 by the staff of NMC to provide financial assistance to talented young musicians from low-income families who would not otherwise be able to attend camp. Funding comes from staff and faculty donations, from camp activities and from public donations made at the end-of-camp Open House concerts. In 2009, it was renamed in memory of Matthew Ferguson, who had spent his life at camp and was an ardent supporter of the Fund.

Please Read Carefully:

- The Staff Scholarship Fund cannot be combined with any other NMC Scholarships or Matching Grants.
- Applications that meet the Government of Canada Low Income Family Guidelines are prioritized.
- Returning campers who have received a Staff Scholarship in the past are permitted to apply for funding in subsequent years.
- **A completed camper application and deposit MUST be submitted online in order for a scholarship application to be considered.**
- A copy of last year's Tax Return must be included with your scholarship application (*summary page only - "statement of remuneration paid"*).
- All applicants will receive a letter in May with an update on their scholarship status.
- If funds are still available after the first round has been awarded, late applications will be considered. Once the deadline has passed, please contact the office before starting an application.

Before emailing, please check:

- ☐ Have you completed the entire MFMSSF application form? (3 pages)
- ☐ Have you submitted your NMC camper registration form online at www.nationalmusiccamp.com and provided a deposit?
- ☐ Have you enclosed a copy of last year's Tax Return? (*summary page only - "statement of remuneration paid"*)

Please email your completed scholarship application to:

office@nationalmusiccamp.com

Submission Deadline: April 15th, 2026

****Applications received prior to submitting an online camper registration & deposit will not be considered****

CONFIDENTIAL APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: _____ Phone: () _____
Address: _____ City/Province: _____
E-mail Address (Parent): _____ Postal Code: _____
School: _____ Grade: _____
Instrument: _____ or Music Theatre ☐

1. Which division do you wish to attend? ☐ Junior Division ☐ Senior Division

1a. Which program do you wish to attend?

- ☐ Band or Orchestra ☐ Suzuki Strings (Jr. Only) ☐ Beginning Instruments ☐ Music Theatre ☐ Steelpan
☐ Acoustic Guitar ☐ Junior Jazz (Jr. Only) ☐ Int. Jazz/Sr. Jazz ☐ Drumline

2. Have you ever been awarded a scholarship to NMC? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, in what year did you receive it? _____
Amount and type \$ _____ ☐ Partial Scholarship ☐ Matching Grant ☐ Staff Scholarship

3. What is your combined family income?

- ☐ Up to \$20,000 ☐ \$20,000-\$30,000 ☐ \$30,000-\$40,000 ☐ \$40,000-\$50,000 ☐ \$50,000- 60,000 ☐ \$60,000+

4. How much are you requesting? 10% ☐ 20% ☐ 30% ☐ 40% ☐ 50% ☐ 60% ☐ 70% ☐ 80% ☐ Other _____

5. Do you take private lessons? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, how many years have you been studying? _____
What is your teacher's name and phone number? _____

6. Are you applying for any other NMC scholarship? Which one(s) _____

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CAMPER / APPLICANT

7. Please briefly outline your family's situation which leads you to apply for this scholarship: _____

7a. Who lives in your household and what is their relationship to you: _____

8. Why do you want to come to camp? What do you expect to get out of it? _____

9. What else do you want us to know about you, camp and music? _____

10. ALL High School Students: You are expected to contribute financially to your camp experience. What amount are you willing and able to contribute to the camp fee? \$_____

* Please complete question below ***if you received a scholarship in 2024/2025*** (attach separate sheet of paper if necessary)

11. How has your experience at camp last year affected your musical, personal and school life this year? _____

Camper's Signature

Parent Signature

Date



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- TEACHER REFERENCE -

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE **APPLICANT'S MUSIC, DRAMA OR OTHER TEACHER**

*** APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 15, 2026 - PLEASE COMPLETE PRIOR TO THIS TIME ***

The Matthew Ferguson Memorial Staff Scholarship fund has been established to assist talented young musicians who would benefit from the broad range of experiences, social and musical, that NMC offers. The Scholarship Fund's mandate is to assist with limited financial resources. We are also looking for students who would be able to bring something back to your school music program.

Thank you for your time in completing this section. **Your comments are crucial** when the staff evaluate the application. **Kindly complete this section and return to the student as soon as possible.** Scholarships are limited and applications are considered on a first-come, first-serve basis by a panel of staff and faculty members.

1. Please rate the student on the following categories:

	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Very Good</u>	<u>Excellent</u>
Attitude/Work Ethic	1	2	3	4	5
Co-operation	1	2	3	4	5
Focus/Concentration	1	2	3	4	5
Listening skills	1	2	3	4	5
Maturity	1	2	3	4	5
Personal skills	1	2	3	4	5
Playing/Acting/Dancing/Singing ability	1	2	3	4	5
Leadership Skills/Potential	1	2	3	4	5
Overall Potential	1	2	3	4	5

2. How would this student benefit from the camp experience? _____

3. What makes this student a good candidate for this particular scholarship? _____

4. How might this student's experience at NMC benefit your program? _____

Teacher's Name

Position/Title

Contact Phone #

Date