



FAM Financial Aid Policy

In keeping with our commitment to Arts for All, FAM offers financial aid in the form of tuition assistance for students age 18 years and younger. This assistance can be applied to up to 60 minutes of weekly private instruction.

Financial aid is based on need and family size, documented by an income tax statement or other proof of income presented at the time of application, and results in a tuition reduction for one individual private lesson. Awards are valid through two semesters which make up the academic year. Awards for the summer session are not guaranteed.

First Academy of Music has limited scholarship funds available. If funds are exhausted, we will not be able to accept additional applications, so please apply without delay.

Available funds are distributed on a sliding scale following federal poverty level guidelines and based on family assets, monthly expenses, the student's commitment to FAM and his/her instrument as well as the special considerations listed below.

In awarding financial aid, consideration will be given to unemployed and single parents. Moreover, family circumstances including financial hardship due to medical need or disability, support of extended family, college tuition burdens, and multiple family participants in FAM will be considered. The student's commitment to FAM and/or their music lessons will also be taken into consideration in determination of the awards. To this end, the scholarship committee will consult with the teacher and will assess progress reports from teachers before additional payments are made.

Applicants may be required to supply additional information as deemed necessary by the committee. Applications may also be made during the year if family financial circumstances change.

To be eligible for tuition assistance, parents or legal guardians must provide the following.

Federal tax return (1st page only) or Free or reduced school lunch letter if you aren't required to file a tax return

Recipients of Financial Aid are required to abide by the following guidelines:

- ◆ We require that students attend all lessons (with the exception of illness) in order to maintain their financial aid award. **An excellent attendance record will be required to apply for financial aid for the following semester.**
- ◆ Teachers are paid for their time even when a student has cancelled. The church is then forced to underwrite the cost of a missed lesson. Scholarship students will be placed on probation with the first unexcused absence during the semester. Two unexcused (non-illness) absences within a semester will result in termination of the scholarship.
- ◆ A valid credit or debit card authorization must be provided to FAM for monthly tuition payments. The student portion of the tuition will automatically be charged on or about the 15th of each month. Families who choose to pay by check or cash must pay the entire semester in full at the beginning of the semester.
- ◆ The parent/guardian must sign the scholarship application agreeing to the terms and conditions listed here. Students and parents must also sign a parent/student contract. Failure to sign and return the Parent/Student Contract will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.

Application Check-list (an incomplete application will not be accepted or considered)

1. Completed and Signed Application Form
2. Copy of page 1 of your current Federal Tax Return
3. Signed Parent / Student Contract

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Application
Tax Form
Contract



Financial Aid Application

Please read the FAM Financial Aid Policy on page one of this application packet before completing the information below. Only one application per family is required. You will be notified by FAM once your application has been reviewed. Be assured that all information on this application is treated in a confidential manner.

Student #1 Name _____ Age ____ Years of study _____
Student #2 Name _____ Age ____ Years of study _____
Student #3 Name _____ Age ____ Years of study _____

Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Primary phone _____ Email _____

Income	Amount per Month
From Work	\$ _____
From Child Support	\$ _____
From Family/Friends	\$ _____
Unemployment	\$ _____
Disabilities	\$ _____

Have you previously received financial aid from FAM? Y / N

Number of individuals living in your home _____

Number of family members taking lessons at FAM _____

Are family members enrolled in other activities (dance, sports, theater, art classes, etc.)? List activities:

List any compelling financial or personal circumstances the Committee should consider:

List the student’s community/church/school activities (such as school/church band, scouts, youth group, tutoring, volunteer, etc.)

Student #1

Student #2

Student #3

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Please sign below acknowledging that you have read and understand the above policies, and that the supplied information is correct and accurate.

Parent(s) _____ Date _____

A Parent / Student Contract for Families of First Academy of Music

As a parent/guardian, I will:

- Show respect and support for my child, the instructors, music school, and church.
- Support and abide by the school's policies.
- Arrive on time for scheduled lessons.
- Help my child find a daily practice time free from other commitments, noise, and distractions.
- Congratulate my child when challenges are overcome.
- Give at least a 24-hour notice for any cancellations of scheduled lessons.
- Purchase any music or other materials for my child required by the instructor, unless otherwise discussed.
- Pay tuition on time.
- Encourage my child to participate in the recital with the approval of the instructor.
- Provide my child opportunities to be exposed to and listen to various genres of music, in the car, at home, on the radio, and at live performances.

I have received, read and agreed to FAM's payment and attendance policies.

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

As a student, I will:

- Always try to do my best work.
- Show up on time to scheduled lessons.
- Show respect for myself, my instructors, and other music students.
- Come to scheduled lessons prepared with appropriate materials such as books, assignment notebooks, and other needed supplies.
- Find daily practice time free from other commitments, noise, and distractions.
- Complete all assignments/homework the instructor has given, including practicing and theory exercises.

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____