

North Valley Music School American Indian Music Scholarship

Awards: Two \$500 scholarships to be used for any need

Application deadline: March 31, 2024

Award date: May 31, 2024

Intended for use in following Fall subsequent to award date (Ex: Fall 2024)

Description:

Montana is the 41st state to enter the United States and has a culturally-diverse population representing a broad spectrum of music genres, styles, and instrumentation. Montana is home to urban Indian populations, several Indian reservations, and traditionally to more than two dozen distinct tribes, each with their own forms of music including Blackfeet, Crow, Flathead, Cheyenne, Chippewa-Cree, Gros Ventre, Assiniboine, Sioux, and Little Shell.

As Montana's only nonprofit community music school, North Valley Music School founded this scholarship to encourage the pursuit of music education, provide philanthropic funding for American Indians and indigenous communities, and enable broader public awareness of the diverse musical contributions of Montana's American Indians to the culture of our state and region. We seek to honor and award such individuals as role models of citizenship, creativity, and entrepreneurship in the arts.

Requirements:

The NVMS Scholarship provides financial assistance to American Indian high school and college students pursuing professional degrees in music. Applicants must be of American Indian ethnicity, a US citizen, national, or a permanent legal resident of Montana, and be either a high school senior or a college student currently enrolled full-time at an accredited U.S. vocational, junior college, or four-year college/university.

The recipient must be a full-time, degree-seeking student by the upcoming academic calendar year and pursuing a major in music, including but not limited to:

- Bachelor of Music (BM) or Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA)
- Bachelor of Music Education (BME)
- Bachelor of Arts in Music (BA) or Music Technology
- Bachelor of Science in Music (BS)

The NVMS Scholarship is open to applicants aged 17 or older at the time of entry, is a legal resident of Montana or tribal territories in Montana, and of American Indian ethnicity.

Please submit in application:

- Cover Letter
- Resume: Transcript, Grades, Activities, Awards, Honors, Volunteer Service, etc.
- Personal Statement: Why is music important, future goals, why you deserve this scholarship, etc. (between 500-1000 words)
- Letter of recommendation: preferably from a music teacher or someone aware of your musicianship

The application will be judged on the following components:

- 20% Academic Strength (as demonstrated by rigors of coursework, GPA, national test scores)
- 20% Activities in School, Awards & Honors, Musical Endeavors
- 20% Civic Engagement: Employment, Volunteerism and Community Service/Activities
- 40% Personal Statement and Letter of Recommendation

Awards are intended for use in the upcoming scholastic year (ex: Fall 2024) and checks will be issued directly to scholarship recipients. Void outside the U.S. and wherever prohibited by law.

** All applications submitted past the current deadline date will be considered for the next deadline.*

For more information, one can email info@northvalleymusicschool.org or visit www.northvalleymusicschool.org/scholarships/