



Private Music Lesson Scholarship

APPLICATIONS DUE: Friday, October 10th 2025

HARD DEADLINE: 4:00 PM

AUDITIONS: Saturday, October 18, 2025

Location: Norris Middle School Multipurpose Room and Choir Room

6990 Calloway Dr. Bakersfield Ca 93312

8:30-11:30 A.M

KCMEA members may nominate up to two deserving students per school based on the requirements listed below.

Nominating members must verify financial eligibility.

Eligibility criteria:

- Student has not previously studied privately due to financial difficulty
- Low income/single parent
- AFDC eligibility
- Free/reduced lunch
- # of children in family

Thank you for helping KCMEA ensure that scholarships are awarded to students of greatest need!

Contact Ingrid Borja, Scholarship Chair, at ingrid.borja@norris.k12.ca.us for more information or to submit applications.



KCMEA INSTRUMENTAL/VOCAL PRIVATE LESSON SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships are awarded annually to promising local students in **grades 6-11**. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide lessons to qualified students who have not had the opportunity to study privately due to financial need.

Students awarded a scholarship for private lessons are expected to participate in the school band, choir or orchestra for at least one additional year.

The Kern County Music Educators Association (KCMEA) sponsors this scholarship. A committee selected by the Executive Board will serve as the judging panel. The scholarships will cover approximately 6-8 private lessons, not to exceed \$175. **Donations to the scholarship fund, or donation of private lessons are welcome and encouraged.** Donations are tax deductible (checks made payable to KCMEA).

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

1. The student is currently performing with the school band, choir or orchestra.
2. The students have been a member of the ensemble for at least one year.
3. The student has never had the opportunity to study privately due to financial need.
4. The student displays a promising interest and talent, and would benefit from private instruction.
5. School music instructors who are current members of KCMEA may nominate up to two students.
6. Scholarship applicants must have demonstrated financial need. Verification is the responsibility of the nominating teacher.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 by 4 PM

SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS: Saturday, October 19, 2024 8:30-11:30 (AM)

Norris Middle School, Multipurpose Room (Auditions)

Norris Middle School, Choir Room (Warm up room).

- Participants will be notified of their audition time three days before auditions.
- Please bring three copies of the audition music for the judges
- Teachers of scholarship recipients will be notified within a week of auditions.

Send completed applications to:

Mrs. Ingrid Borja
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KCMEA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____ Grade _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

School _____ Music Teacher _____

Instrument/Voice Part _____

of years of playing instrument/singing _____

Please write a short paragraph stating why you believe you have been recommended for a music scholarship, and how the lessons will benefit not only your own abilities but those of your school group as well.

AUDITION INFO:

- **Saturday morning, October 18, 2025 at Norris Middle School.**
- Perform one piece or movement no longer than three minutes.
- **Provide three copies of your audition music for the judges.**
- Students are encouraged to audition on music they are working on in their school groups.
- A piano will be available, but you must provide your own accompanist if desired. Accompanists are NOT required.

Parent Affidavit: I understand that if my child is awarded a Kern County Music Educators Association scholarship for music lessons it is my responsibility to arrange with a reputable private instructor the lessons covered by the scholarship. My child's music teacher will provide me with the names of reputable teachers for my child's instrument/voice and may even assist me in contacting an instructor. I further understand that as part of my child being able to use the scholarship I am responsible for transporting my child to the lessons and ensuring that he/she does not miss any lessons.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Music Teacher Signature _____

Teacher's Phone _____ Teacher's Email _____

Teacher Recommendation Form

(Submit with student application)

Student Name: _____

KCMEA Nominating Teacher: _____

Please explain the reasons why you are recommending this student
for a KCMEA scholarship for private lessons:

Teacher Signature: _____

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