



About Scarborough Music Fund

Our Mission: To support unusually talented and highly motivated middle school students lacking the financial wherewithal to pursue music education offered through band, orchestra or choral programs. Despite the proven advantages and importance of high-quality musical training in the lives of children, funding for such school instruction is usually scant. Many talented low-income students cannot pursue their interest in music because their families cannot afford sheet music or equipment, instruments, private lessons, enrichment programs, camps, or transportation. Once the opportunity is lost, it can almost never be regained. The Scarborough Music Fund attempts to help bridge this gap in Georgetown, Texas.

Our Goal: We believe, as Clara Stearns Scarborough did, that music instruction enhances perceptions about school and community and provides students with skills and attitudes that will benefit them for the rest of their lives.

Origins: The Scarborough Music Fund was organized in the spring of 2009 in memory of Clara Stearns Scarborough, who died November 28, 2008. Mrs. Scarborough was an owner of *The Williamson County Sun*, wrote the award-winning history book, *Land of Good Water*, and was a music teacher known for her work with fifth-graders in the Georgetown public schools, who under her guidance performed such works as the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, *H.M.S. Pinafore*.

Organization: The Fund falls under the umbrella of the Chisholm Trail Communities Foundation. All donations to the Scarborough Music Education Fund are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. The Fund has a long-term strategy: donations are placed in an endowment and grants are awarded based on endowment earnings and monies raised so that the Fund can continue to support music education for years to come.

Contact Information: Chisholm Trail Communities Foundation, 116 West Eighth, 2nd Floor, Georgetown, TX 78626. Attention: Scarborough Music Education Fund; or office@chisholm-trail.org, 512-863-4186.

What does the Scarborough Music Fund Do?

- Provides grants, as needed, for equipment, instruments, private lessons, transportation, and enrichment programs to public school students entering the 6th grade.

Whom do we serve?

- Georgetown area schoolchildren in the 6th grade, identifying students at the end of the fifth grade who have demonstrated musical talent and strong motivation.
- Children with an economic need.
- Children recommended by public school music teachers and selected by the Fund's Grants Committee.

What continuing commitment do we have?

- To promote music education for young people in our community.
- To continually re-evaluate our programs and the children we support to ensure we are being effective and that the children we help are benefitting.

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Grant Application Information

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in a Scarborough Music Fund grant.

The Scarborough Music Fund promotes music education enrichment for Georgetown rising sixth grade students. Generous support of donors throughout the community allows us to give grants to middle school students who have exhibited special talent in music and are strongly motivated to continue their studies but need financial support to do so.

Recipients of a Scarborough Music Grant will receive support geared to the level of need, which might include anything from sheet music, a metronome or a musical instrument to private music lessons or opportunities such as concerts, weekend seminars or music camps.

The process starts with a fifth grade music teacher's recommendation and requires a student application and parental or guardian approval. Once the application is completed, a committee of Georgetown citizens will select students to be awarded grants, taking into account the applicant's talent, drive for excellence, and need — all, of course, weighed against the availability of funds in the Scarborough Music Education Fund. A short personal interview with the committee may be required of grant finalists.

Any fifth-grade student in a public school will be considered for a grant. The students must have selected an orchestra or band program to be considered.

Among required standards to be eligible for a grant, or continued support, are: 1) **regular attendance** of classes with the student arriving on time and notifying the teacher if he or she must miss a class, 2) **daily practice** and preparation for each class, 3) **demonstration of progress** throughout the year through participation in recitals, 4) **expression of appreciation** in general to teachers and by writing a "thank you" letter to the Scarborough Music Fund upon notification of grant, and 5) **participation** in an annual student recognition reception, fund-raising recital or concert that may be held on behalf of the Scarborough Music Fund.

Enclosed you will find:

1. Student Application for Grant
2. Student Statement of Interest
3. Teacher/Music Director Referral for Grant
4. Checklist with Deadlines and Instructions for Mailing

Sincerely,

Linda Scarborough

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Grant Application

This information is confidential and available to Scarborough Music Fund Board members only.

The Application

The parent or guardian should complete this application. Use an additional sheet of paper, if necessary.

Music Teacher Referral

Provide the Referral to the student's music teacher for completion.

Student Statement of Interest

The student must complete the Statement of Interest.

Required Attachments

- Music Teacher Referral
- or Sent Separately
- Student Statement of Interest

**Applications due:
 Thursday, March 30, 2017**

Email completed application to:
office@chisholm-trail.org

or Mail to:
Scarborough Music Fund
 c/o Chisholm Trail Communities
 Foundation
 116 W. 8th Street,
 2nd Floor
 Georgetown, TX, 78626

Parents' Waiver

If the applicant receives a scholarship, I agree that the student's grades and performance information may be released to the Scarborough Music Fund.

 Parent or Guardian

 Date

The Applicant

Student Name	How did you learn about our program?
Address	Date
City, State, Zip	Phone
Previous Instruction? Instrument? Years? Group/Individual	Email
	Age, School and Grade (as of Fall this academic year)
	Middle School next Fall
	What will you play? I am applying for help with: <input type="checkbox"/> Instrument rental <input type="checkbox"/> Lessons <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)

The Family

Parent (Guardian)	The total number of members in household, including the applicant
Address	List all family members by name and age
City, State, Zip	

Financial Information

Parent 1 Occupation	Parent 2 Occupation
Parent 1 Workplace	Parent 2 Workplace
Total Annual Household Income	Can you transport your child to lessons?
Unusual or Catastrophic Expenses (Medical, Disaster, Other) Use another sheet of paper, if necessary	

I agree that I will provide motivation and support for my child to succeed to the best of his or her ability. I understand that missing or inaccurate information may invalidate or delay this application. (Sign Waiver Box in upper right-hand corner of this page and on page 5).

 Signature

 Date

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Student Statement of Interest

Statement of Interest

The student applicant must complete this page.

This information from the student is an important component in the application process.

Please use the space provided or attach extra page if necessary. Legibility is important.

The Scarborough Music Fund understands the answers will be age appropriate, but responses should be entirely the work of the student.

Why is music important to you?

How has your past experience in music helped you?

What do you expect to do with music in the future?

For help with this application, call or email:

512-863-4186
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Student Name (Print)

Student Signature

Date

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Teacher's Referral

This information is confidential and available to Scarborough Music Fund Board members only.

Scarborough Music Fund Scholarships ask for referrals from a music teacher in order to better evaluate the talent and motivation of the applicant.

The foundation of this referral is your evaluation of the talent and motivation of the applicant.

Please indicate any additional information you feel is relevant in considering the suitability of the student for a Scarborough Music Fund Scholarship.

Applications due Thursday, March 30, 2017.

You should give this referral to the applicant for inclusion with the application or you may mail or email it to:

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Date

Referring Music Teacher

Name	Years Taught
Address	School or Affiliation
City, State, Zip	Phone
	Email

The Applicant

Student Name	What instrument played/wishes to play? (Rented or Owned?)
Address	Phone
	Email
City, State, Zip	Age, School and Grade (as of Fall this academic year)
	Middle School next Fall
Previous Instruction? Years. Group/Individual	Applicant needs financial help for

The Referral

What has been your experience with the applicant (use the back of this sheet if necessary)?

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Talent (or Potential Talent) Evaluation (0-9)
Based on your experience with the applicant, compare the applicant to all other students you have interacted with and indicate your evaluation of the applicant's talent (or potential talent). 0= no talent. 5= average of the talent you have seen. 9= the most talented student you have seen.										

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Motivation Evaluation (0-9)
Based on your experience with the applicant, indicate your evaluation of the applicant's motivation. 0= no motivation. 5= average of the motivation you have seen. 9= the most motivated student you have seen.										

I recommend this student for a grant from the Scarborough Music Fund.

Signature

Date

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Music Grant Checklist

To help in completing the application, this checklist details the required materials. Check off the materials as they are completed.

Application Package Checklist

For student applications.

- Application
- Referral by Music Teacher
- Statement of Interest by Student

Due Thursday, March 30, 2017.

By Mail: **Scarborough Music Fund**
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Must be postmarked by Thursday, March 30, 2017.

Applicants will receive word no later than Tuesday, April 18.

Or Email: office@chisholm-trail.org,
with “Scarborough Music Fund”
in the subject line.

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