

KAMTA SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

The Kalispell Area Music Teachers Association annually awards scholarships to current and former students of KAMTA teachers. Our scholarship categories are:

1. Music Camp Scholarship
2. Graduating High School Senior Scholarship for future college music majors or minors
3. Continuing College Scholarship for current music majors and minors
4. FVCC Scholarship for music majors and minors
5. Returning to College/Graduate Studies Scholarship for music
6. Betty Hanzel Memorial Scholarship for piano students

Separate applications are available for each category except the Betty Hanzel Memorial Scholarship. The Betty Hanzel Memorial Scholarship is an option available on all the applications.

Applicants must thoroughly respond to all the requested information. These scholarships are intended for motivated students who show exceptional musical ability.

KAMTA Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee will consist of five members (if possible), appointed by the President, and shall include an officer of KAMTA, a Montana Master Teacher (if available), and a MSMTA Certified or NCTM member (if available).

It is the duty of the Scholarship Committee to meet and consider all scholarship applications and to determine how funds will be disbursed. If all available funds are not awarded in a given year, they will be retained in the KAMTA Scholarship Fund for future scholarship recipients. If awarded scholarship money is not used, it will be returned to the KAMTA Scholarship Fund to be disbursed to current or future recipients. Funds will be awarded on a discretionary basis, with the final decision being the responsibility of the Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship Awards will be announced at the May KAMTA meeting. Decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final.

KAMTA Teacher Requirements

KAMTA teachers must have participated in fundraising efforts for the current year and secured at least one sponsor donation for their students to qualify for a scholarship.

Continuing college students, FVCC students, and students returning to college or graduate studies may still apply if their former KAMTA teacher retires, moves out of the area, or has died.

Students may still apply if their teacher becomes inactive due to health reasons.

Music camp and graduating senior applicants must have studied with the same KAMTA teacher since the fall prior to the date of application.

Music Camps

Students applying for a Music Camp Scholarship must attend a camp for the same instrument they study with their KAMTA teacher. For example: piano students must apply to piano camp, voice students must apply to vocal or choir camp, clarinet students must apply to band camp, etc.

Music Minors

Music minors must be enrolled in applied lessons on their primary instrument and enrolled in at least one performing group on campus each semester to receive a KAMTA Scholarship.

FVCC Scholarship

Students attending Flathead Valley Community College as a music major or minor may apply for this scholarship. Students must provide written proof of participation in a college or community music ensemble throughout each semester. Acceptable examples include an FVCC music ensemble or the Glacier Symphony Orchestra and Chorale. Students must also be enrolled in at least one additional music course per semester.

Betty Hanzel Memorial Scholarship

Piano students are eligible to apply for the Betty Hanzel Memorial Scholarship to attend music camp or to study music at college as a major, minor, or graduate student. This scholarship may be awarded in addition to another KAMTA scholarship. To apply, use the appropriate KAMTA Scholarship Form and check the spot on the form for the Betty Hanzel Memorial Scholarship.

Due Date

Completed application forms must be postmarked by April 15. If a student emails their application, it must be received by April 15.

Transcripts

Continuing college students must submit a transcript from their college with the application.

Applicants returning to college/graduate studies must submit their previous college transcripts.

Recordings

A recording (clearly labeled) must accompany the application. Recordings may also be emailed.

Camp applicants should provide a recording of at least 5 minutes of representative repertoire.

Graduating seniors, continuing college students, and FVCC students should provide a recording no longer than 10-15 minutes and should include at least two contrasting pieces.

Applicants who are returning to college/graduate studies must submit a recording no longer than 10-15 minutes that is appropriate for their proposed field of study or degree. For example, music teachers could submit a video of themselves teaching; performance majors should submit a performance of at least two contrasting styles of repertoire; composers should submit a performance of their compositions, etc. **Please feel free to ask for guidance from the Scholarship Committee as to what is acceptable.**

Letters of Recommendation

Students applying for a Music Camp Scholarship must provide a written letter of recommendation from their KAMTA teacher. This should include statements about the student's musical and technical ability, work habits, strengths and weaknesses, and potential success in stated goals.

Graduating seniors must submit a letter of recommendation from their KAMTA teacher. An additional letter of recommendation from a school or community music teacher/director is strongly encouraged, but not required.

Continuing college students must submit two letters of recommendation; one from the professor who gives them private lessons, and another from a college teacher of their choice.

FVCC scholarship applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from their KAMTA teacher if they are a graduating senior. An additional letter of recommendation from a school or community music teacher/director is strongly encouraged, but not required.

Current FVCC music majors or minors must submit two letters of recommendation; one from their private lesson teacher or director of their music ensemble and another from an FVCC teacher of their choice (preferably in music).

Applicants returning to college/graduate studies must submit two letters of recommendation. Acceptable letters would be from the applicant's employer, professional colleagues, supervisors, or parents of music students (if the applicant is a teacher). A letter of acceptance into a masters or doctoral program will also be considered a letter of recommendation.

Scholarship Payment

Music camp scholarships will be sent directly to the KAMTA-approved camp of the student's choice.

College scholarships are announced annually. However, payment will be disbursed directly to the college on a semester basis. At the completion of the semester, the student will be responsible for submitting a transcript and statement of upcoming classes to the Scholarship Committee by March 1. FVCC students must also submit written proof of participation in an ensemble throughout the semester. The Treasurer will then be authorized to disburse the remaining scholarship payment to the college.

It is the responsibility of the student to notify the Scholarship Committee of any changes.