

The Front Porch Financial Aid Guidelines

The Front Porch strives to make music instruction available to everyone who wants to learn. To guide applicants and our review committee through the application process, we have established the following Financial Aid Guidelines.

How do I apply?

Complete and email your Application for Financial Aid to info@frontporchville.org or mail it to The Front Porch at 221 East Water Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902.. Include a copy of the first page of your most recent 1040 tax return.

Applications are due two weeks before the start of the session.

All Financial Aid requests are strictly confidential.

The Financial Aid committee will review your application and contact you to let you know if your Application has been approved. After your Application is approved, you will need to register for your class with the Jess (jess@frontporchville.org). Balance of payment is due upon registration.

What criteria are used to determine eligibility?

The Committee considers the following criteria: (1) family need based on income level and family size; (2) special circumstances, such as sudden financial change; (3) applicant's commitment to musical instruction; and (4) availability of funds. Those applying for financial assistance will be considered on a first-come first-served basis, pending availability of scholarship funds. In most cases, The Front Porch offers partial scholarships so as to assist as many families as possible.

What are my responsibilities?

Aid should go to those students who are serious about music. Therefore, all students who receive financial aid are expected to maintain 100% attendance at all scheduled lessons and classes. This helps good practice habits and encourages a positive learning experience. In addition, all students receiving aid are encouraged to volunteer within the Front Porch community. This may include: volunteering at community events and concerts and assisting with various administrative projects throughout the year.

CONFIDENTIAL - Application for Financial Aid

All information is held in Strict Confidence. The Front Porch reserves the right to request additional verification of any information provided.

To be considered for assistance, please complete the following application and attach a copy of the first page of your most recent 1040 Federal Tax form. Please refer to the Guidelines for further information.

Today's Date _____

Student's Name: _____

Student's Address City/State: _____

Home phone: _____

Parent/Student's Email: _____

Parent's Name (If under 18): _____

What session are you applying for? _____

If you are applying for a class, please list your first and second choices:

If you are applying for private lessons, please indicate lesson length and your preferred instructor and instrument:

30 minutes ____ 45 minutes _____

Instructor: _____

Instrument: _____

Please list your annual household income here: \$ _____

Your Employer/Profession: _____

Spouse's Employer/Profession: _____

Total Number of Dependents: _____

Are there any special circumstances that effect income or expenses, as it is reflected in your proof of income? Please include student loans, familial support, loss of job, etc...

Agreement

I have read the attached Financial Aid Guidelines and understand the commitment I am making by accepting a Front Porch financial aid award.

Signature of Student (or parent, if student is less than 18 years old)

_____ Date
