

# MERCHANT STREET MUSICFEST

KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS

# MUSIC EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Merchant Street MusicFest is thrilled to once again offer the MSMF Music Education Scholarship!

Through the generous sponsorship of King Music, The Dave King Memorial Music Fund, and the Kankakee Events Partnership, this award is available to Kankakee County students and will provide eight weeks of FREE music lessons. Dependent on the needs of the scholarship winners, instruments, repairs, or supplies may be provided to further their musical development. Two awards will be given, one for grades 5-8 and one for grades 9-12, in the 2026/27 school year.

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS, POLICIES, + PROCEDURES:

- Please download and complete this application.
- Have a teacher complete the Teacher Recommendation form.
- Applications and Recommendations can be returned to the address listed on this form.
- Instruments available by donation from King Music for lessons are guitar, violin, viola, flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion.
- Deadline to apply is May 15, 2026.
- Winners will be notified by July 15, 2026.
- Winners will be announced to the public at Merchant Street MusicFest on Saturday, July 25, 2026.

## PERSONAL INFO

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE (FALL 2026): \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT/GUARDIAN INFO

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_



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## MUSIC BACKGROUND \*music experience is not a prerequisite.

CURRENT INSTRUMENT: \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS PLAYED: \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU INVOLVED IN A SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM? \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU INVOLVED IN ANY MUSIC PROGRAM OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL? \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU HAD ANY FORMAL MUSIC TRAINING? IF YES, PLEASE SHARE DETAILS:

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: \_\_\_\_\_

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AWARDS OR RECOGNITIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

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INSTRUMENT REQUESTING FOR LESSONS: \_\_\_\_\_

## ESSAY

CHOOSE ONE QUESTION TO ANSWER IN 300 WORDS OR LESS.

- WHAT LED TO YOUR INTEREST IN MUSIC, AND WHAT ARE YOUR MUSICAL GOALS?
- HOW WILL THIS SCHOLARSHIP IMPACT YOUR FUTURE IN MUSIC?

### RETURN TO:

Kankakee Public Library  
Attention: MSMF Scholarship  
201 E Merchant Street  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
merchantstreetmusicfest.com



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## TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

Your student is applying for the MSMF Music Education Scholarship.

This award is available to Kankakee County students and will provide eight weeks of FREE music lessons and potentially an instrument they will be able to keep after the lessons are completed.

Please take a moment to fill out this questionnaire about your student. It will allow us to gain a fuller picture of them in their day-to-day, and help us determine our scholarship winners.

Please return the form to the student or mail it to the address below, postmarked no later than May 15, 2026. Winners will be notified by July 15, 2026 and announced to the public at the Merchant Street MusicFest on Saturday, July 25, 2026.

TEACHER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS TAUGHT: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF YEARS YOU HAVE KNOWN THIS STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RATE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS FROM 1 (UNACCEPTABLE) TO 5 (EXCELLENT):

- THIS STUDENT SHOWS A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY ..... 1 2 3 4 5
- THIS STUDENT IS SELF-MOTIVATED IN THEIR STUDIES ..... 1 2 3 4 5
- THIS STUDENT IS PROMPT FOR CLASS ..... 1 2 3 4 5
- THIS STUDENT IS ATTENTIVE AND PREPARED FOR CLASS ..... 1 2 3 4 5

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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