

**Arco Music Academy Fund Scholarship  
Guidelines, Revised May-2018**

**Scholarship Information:**

The mission of the Arco Music Academy Scholarship Fund is to provide scholarship awards to assist qualified students in pursuit of music education and training, with a preference for supporting orchestral string instrument study.

**Eligibility Criteria:** Applicants must meet the following eligible criteria in order to submit an application for consideration:

- Are aspiring to attend, are currently participating in, or have participated in Arco Music Academy programs within the last year from date of application.
- Have shown a strong and enduring (based on applicant's age) interest and commitment to playing the instrument they will study.
- Aspire to advance their music comprehension and skills in the areas of performance, composition, and/or music educator training.
- Can provide a statement regarding the need for financial support and demonstration of their interest and commitment. Applicant must provide page 1 and 2 of the family's most recent income tax return or a statement explaining why an income tax return was not filed.
- Commit to completing the course of study for which the funds are awarded.

**How to Apply:**

Applications are available through the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry's online portal at <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=lowcountryscholarship>. Contact Community Foundation program staff at 943.681.9100 for information about the scholarship application. You may contact Arco Music Academy at [info@arcomusicacademy.com](mailto:info@arcomusicacademy.com) for questions about the programs.

<b><u>Award Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Varied, not to exceed 80% of the total program cost.</u></b>	<b><u>Deadline to Apply :</u></b>	<b><u>Rolling Deadline</u></b>
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Completed applications and required attachments should be **submitted no less than 30 days prior** to participation in the Arco Music Academy desired program. Reapplications are subject to confirmation that the student is in good standing with Arco Music Academy's student expectations (see eligibility requirements above).

**Selection of Recipients**

The Scholarship Advisory Committee shall select recipients (subject to approval by the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry Board of Directors). Scholarship funds will be awarded to cover music educational and training costs. Specific costs to be covered will be at the discretion of the Scholarship Advisory Committee. Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, sex, religion, age, or national origin.

**Announcement of Scholarship Awards**

The Community Foundation of the Lowcountry will send an official award letter and related information to each recipient. A public announcement of scholarship recipients may be arranged by the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry.

**Distribution of Scholarship Funds**

The Community Foundation will advise all scholarship recipients of the distribution method of scholarship awards and review the students' responsibilities to the Scholarship Program they have been selected for. In accordance with the Community Foundation's policy, scholarship funds will be paid in the form of a check made payable to the specialized program provider of the scholarship recipient. Notification of payment will be sent to the scholarship recipient.