

Salt Lake Academy of Music (SLAM) Scholarship Program Guidelines

Purpose

The Salt Lake Academy of Music (SLAM) Scholarship Program exists to make music education accessible to all students, regardless of income or situation. Scholarships provide financial support for participation in SLAM's private lessons, Rock/Pop Bands, and Jazz Combos, helping students pursue their musical education and artistic growth.

Application Process

All applications must be submitted via Google Forms. Scholarship awards are based primarily on financial need, though commitment to participation and demonstrated investment in musical development are also important factors.

Scholarships are available for both year-round programs (Private Lessons, Jam Bands, and Jazz Lab) and summer camps; however, each requires a separate application. Students are encouraged to apply for both opportunities, but funding is not guaranteed for both. Receiving one scholarship will not negatively affect consideration for the other.

Schedule for year-round programs:

- **Application Period:** Opens in November each year
- **Notification of Award:** Decisions announced mid-December
- **Funding Period:** Scholarships are guaranteed for January through December of the following year

Schedule for summer camp scholarships:

- **Application Period:** Opens in March each year
- **Notification of Award:** Decisions announced by mid-April
- **Funding Period:** Scholarships apply registration for a single summer camp held in that same calendar year

Students receiving scholarships must reapply annually. Award amounts may vary from year to year, depending on available funding.

To finalize any scholarship award, the parent/guardian—or the student, if they are an adult—will be required to sign a Scholarship Agreement outlining the expectations and responsibilities associated with receiving funding. Families must also provide proof of income as part of the verification process. Acceptable documentation includes a recent pay stub, unemployment check stub, the previous year's tax return, or other valid evidence of average monthly income. Awards cannot be activated until both the signed agreement and income documentation have been received and reviewed.

Award Coverage

Students may receive scholarships for multiple programs, but funding is awarded on a per-program basis. Different programs may be funded at different amounts, and awards do not automatically extend to new enrollments without review.

Off-Cycle Application Process

To ensure eligibility for full-year funding, families must submit applications during the fall application period. Scholarship applications for year-round programs are accepted on a rolling basis; however, awards are contingent upon available funds. Priority consideration is given to applicants who apply in the fall for annual coverage.

Eligibility & Tiers

The SLAM Scholarship Program is open to all students currently enrolled or seeking enrollment in SLAM programs.

SLAM awards scholarships in tiers covering **25%, 50%, 75%, and 100%** of monthly tuition for ongoing programs. Income guidelines are used as a general reference for determining tier placement.

Please Note: SLAM uses The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) income guidelines as a standard reference for tier placement but encourages families to apply even if they fall outside these ranges. During the application process, families will self-select their desired scholarship level based on financial need. Applicants may either select the standard scholarship tier corresponding to their income level or provide additional information explaining their financial situation and indicating the tuition rate that would make participation possible.

Household Size	Upper Annual Income Limit Per Scholarship Tier			25% Tuition
	100% Tuition	75% Tuition	50% Tuition	
1	\$42,950	\$51,540	\$68,750	No official income limit; awarded case-by-case based on demonstrated need
2	\$49,100	\$58,920	\$78,550	
3	\$55,250	\$66,300	\$88,350	
4	\$61,350	\$73,620	\$98,150	
5	\$66,300	\$79,560	\$106,050	
6	\$71,200	\$85,440	\$113,900	
7	\$76,100	\$91,320	\$121,750	
8	\$81,000	\$97,200	\$129,600	

Student Responsibilities

Recipients agree to:

- Attend all lessons, rehearsals, and performances, with no more than one excused absence per quarter for year-round programs.
- Maintain steady musical progress and a positive attitude.
- Respect instruments, facilities, instructors, and peers.
- Follow SLAM's Code of Conduct and participate in required performances and community events.

Parent/Guardian Commitment (for students under 18)

Parents/guardians agree to:

- Support consistent attendance and participation.
- Communicate promptly with instructors about scheduling.
- Maintain active payment methods and resolve failed payments promptly
- Volunteer at least twice annually at a SLAM event

Progress & Review

SLAM staff monitor each student's musical development, attendance, and overall participation, as well as parent/guardian engagement. Excessive absences or failure to meet expectations may result in probation, withdrawal of the scholarship, and/or reduced eligibility for future awards.

Termination Policy

SLAM reserves the right to withdraw scholarships if students fail to meet attendance, conduct, or participation standards, or if false information was provided in the application. Students may withdraw voluntarily with written notice.