

General Information about MCC Music Scholarships

Music Scholarships at McLennan Community College are available to all qualified students, whether they are music majors or not. Although encouraged, it is not required that an individual take private lessons if they are not a music major. Award amounts are generous, varying from one-third to full tuition and fee reimbursement.*

What are the criteria for scholarship awards? MCC music scholarships are based on merit and the needs of the various MCC performing ensembles. Generally, awards are given for participation in Concert Band, Choir, Commercial ensembles, or Accompanying (Piano).

What is expected at the audition? We encourage you to prepare at least four minutes worth of music for your audition. You might wish to select etudes or solo excerpts from works you have played for lessons, Region Try-Outs, Solo & Ensemble, or other performances. You are not required to use an accompanist. You may also be asked to sightread a simple excerpt. Suggestions are as follows:

Vocalists - sing at least two selections, one of which is in a foreign language.

Brass, Woodwinds, and Piano - perform two contrasting selections: one fast and technical, the other slow and lyrical.

Percussion (concert band) - perform one selection on snare and one selection on either mallets or timpani.

Commercial Music ensembles - prepare at least two selections; electronic playback and amplification equipment will be available for the audition.

When are Scholarship Auditions? The Music Department sets aside certain days each year for the majority of scholarship auditions. It is recommended that applicants make every effort to attend these scheduled audition dates. Please visit the Music web site for dates.

How do I schedule an audition? Call or (preferably) e-mail the appropriate coordinator for your area of interest:

Wind Ensemble – Dr. Brian Harris
bharris@mclennan.edu
(254) 299-8220

Choir – Dr. Bonnie Sneed
bsneed@mclennan.edu
(254) 299-8274

Commercial Music – Mr. Jonathan Kutz
jkutz@mclennan.edu
(254) 299-8110

Times may be scheduled beginning 3 weeks prior to the audition date. On audition day, please arrive early in order to sign-in and warm-up. Once you have completed your audition, you are free to leave. Auditions take 10 to 15 minutes.

When will I be notified about the results of the scholarship audition? The Scholarship Committee will notify you within three weeks of the audition. Results for special audition dates may take longer.

Do I have to be a music major to receive a music scholarship? No. You simply have to agree to the requirements of the scholarship which generally include the following: 1. Participate in the assigned ensemble(s); 2. Register as a full-time student (minimum load of 12 semester hours); 3. Maintain a 4.0 grade point average (GPA) in your music ensemble and an overall GPA of 2.5 in all classes.

May I receive a scholarship for more than one semester? Yes. Generally, students will receive their scholarship for at least four semesters, providing they fulfill the scholarship requirements.

What other types of financial aid are available at MCC? Students are encouraged to complete financial aid forms that are available from the Financial Aid Office. This office will assist you with other types of financial assistance, some which are based on merit, others which are based on need. A music scholarship does not preclude you from receiving other types of financial aid.

Are music scholarships available for students who begin in the Spring semester? Awards are offered prior to the beginning of the academic year. Students who enter MCC in the spring semester may audition for an award to begin the following fall. On some occasions, funds become available to allow new spring semester awards.

Are there any other music awards available? Yes. Each year, the music faculty provide funds for the “Music Faculty Award Competition.” This award is given to an exemplary returning sophomore music student. Auditions are held during the spring semester.

** This percentage is based on the published tuition and fee rate for an in-county resident to register for 12 semester hours. This does not include books and other special fees.*