



## 2026-2027 Suzuki Merit Scholarship Application

### Audition Dates: March 3<sup>rd</sup> and March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

These merit scholarship auditions are open to Suzuki students who currently study at The Music Settlement ("TMS"). Students wishing to audition for a Suzuki merit scholarship must complete the form below and review it with their private teacher. Students awarded merit scholarships must be enrolled at TMS for the entire 2026-2027 school year. Scholarships will be applied towards tuition for 2026-2027. Recipients will be notified by email with additional award information. Students awarded scholarships must perform on two Suzuki recitals during the school year. The Center for Music may request additional requirements (ex. performing for TMS, writing a thank you letter to their donors).

#### To Be Completed by Parent/Guardian (Please print legibly)

Student Name (Last, First): \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Name (Last, First): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade (2026-27): \_\_\_\_\_ School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

TMS Campus Where Student Currently Takes Lessons (select one): ☐ University Circle ☐ Ohio City ☐ Online

Private Instructor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Theory Instructor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please sign up for an audition time slot through SignUpGenius using the emailed links.  
Times are available on a first come, first served basis.*

#### 2026-2027 SUZUKI MERIT SCHOLARSHIP AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

##### Minimum Piece Requirement:

- **Bass:** Perpetual Motion
- **Cello & Guitar:** Rigadoon
- **Harp & Piano:** Chant Arabe
- **Viola & Violin:** Minuet I

**Book 1:** One octave scale, arpeggio, and solo\*; Piano only: One-handed one octave scale or two pentascales

**Book 2:** Two octave scale, arpeggios, and solo\*

**Book 3:** Two octave scales (major and minor), two slurred and détaché (strings only), arpeggios, short etude or contrasting piece (1 – 2 minutes), and solo\*

**Book 4 and above:** Three octave scales (major and minor), four slurred and détaché (strings only), arpeggios, short etude or contrasting piece (1 – 2 minutes), and solo\*

*\*or suitable equivalents as decided by teacher*

**APPLICATION CONTINUES ON REVERSE AND REQUIRES A SIGNATURE**

## 2026-2027 Suzuki Merit Scholarship Requirements

*The following requirements pertain to an individual merit scholarship award. If a student accepts multiple merit scholarships, the student must complete the associated requirements for each individual merit scholarship award.*

- **Course Attendance:** Students must attend lessons and group/theory classes regularly and show progress and interest. Please note that a merit scholarship may be withdrawn if a student has more than *three (3) unexcused absences*.
- **Performances:** Students must perform in at least two (2) performances for TMS. This includes student recitals, studio recitals, and concerts.
- **Recognition:** Students must write a thank you letter to each of their award stewardees.
- **Service:** In the spirit of giving back to the community and sharing the gift of music, merit scholarship students are strongly encouraged to complete one (1) act of service before the end of June 2027. (This is not a requirement.) Possible service ideas may include:
  - Sharing your Music Story on the TMS website
    - Visit [www.TheMusicSettlement.org/support-us/share-your-story](http://www.TheMusicSettlement.org/support-us/share-your-story)
  - Performing for family, friends and/or neighbors
  - Joining our Friends of Center for Music committee for parents, families, and adult students
    - Email [NClaverie@TheMusicSettlement.org](mailto:NClaverie@TheMusicSettlement.org) for details.
  - Host a Facebook birthday fundraiser for TMS
  - Helping increase awareness of The Music Settlement on social media:
    - Follow our social media pages and “like” TMS
    - Invite others to “like” TMS on social media
    - Sharing content from our pages, such as upcoming events
    - Post a written testimonial on our Facebook page
    - Record a testimonial video about your experience at TMS
      - Email videos to [Testimonials@TheMusicSettlement.org](mailto:Testimonials@TheMusicSettlement.org).

### Suzuki merit scholarships awards are based on the following:

- Students have been studying in the TMS Suzuki Program for at least one (1) year from start date.
- Students and parents exhibit the Suzuki philosophy through positive and respectful interactions with fellow students, families, and faculty.
- Parents are expected to attend and participate in lessons and group/theory classes.
- Daily practice, listening, and reinforcement of material covered in lessons and group/theory classes are expected.

*All merit scholarship awards are subject to the policies of The Music Settlement, including regular attendance and showing progress and interest. Failure to adhere to these requirements may result in a student’s disqualification from receiving a merit scholarship for the 2027 – 2028 school year.*

## Acknowledgement

By signing, I acknowledge that I have reviewed this audition application with my student’s instructor. I further acknowledge that the instructor has given their approval for this audition and the information above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If awarded a merit scholarship, my student agrees to adhere to the 2026 – 2027 Suzuki Merit Scholarship Requirements provided above.

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Adult Student/Parent/Guardian Print

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Adult Student/Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026  
RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO [SUZUKI@THEMUSICSETTLEMENT.ORG](mailto:SUZUKI@THEMUSICSETTLEMENT.ORG)  
OR PLACE IN CALLISTA’S MAILBOX.**