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 Please note that a merit scholarship may be withdrawn if a student has more than three (3) unexcused absences.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 The Music Settlement (“TMS”). This includes student recitals, studio recitals, and concerts – both in-person and online.
  - **NOTE:** The earliest The Music Settlement may allow in-person performance opportunities is February 2021, subject to approval from our Board of Directors. Please plan accordingly. It is recommended that students perform once in the fall (September – January) and once in the spring (February – June).

- **Recognition:** Students must write a thank you letter to each of their award steward. (Some awards may have more than one steward.) More information will be made available in the fall.

- **Service:** The Music Settlement will not be offering in-person service opportunities for the 2020-2021 school year at this time. However, 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) virtual act of service before the end of June 2021. (This is not a requirement.) Possible service ideas:
  - Performing for family, friends and/or neighbors
  - Connecting with elderly relatives, neighbors, or shut-ins
  - Help 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
  - Host a Facebook birthday fundraiser for TMS
  - Set up your Amazon account to support TMS through AmazonSmile

*All merit scholarship awards are subject to the policies of The Music Settlement, including regular attendance and showing progress and interest. The award is applicable only to the course(s) and/or ensemble(s) listed in the student’s merit scholarship award notification email or letter.*