

Financial Assistance: Subsidy Program Guidelines **2018-19**

University Settlement Music and Arts School

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At University Settlement we believe that participation in our social, arts and recreational programs is an essential part of community life. The opportunity to participate should be available to everyone regardless of cultural or economic background. To this end we provide financial subsidies to those students who cannot afford to pay the full cost of our programs.

The following Financial Assistance Guidelines help ensure that subsidies are awarded in a fair and consistent manner. They will be followed by the Program Director, who is responsible for all decisions affecting individual cases.

Eligibility:

Eligibility is based primarily on gross (pre-tax) total household income. Please note:

- There is a limit to our subsidy funding. A reduction of fees is not guaranteed, but is applied on a first-come basis.
- All applicants for subsidy must be University Settlement Agency members.
- Eligible participants, 18 years of age and under, may receive a reduction on fees of between 30% and 70%.
- Only one individual instrument per subsidy (no exceptions).
- Children's Group classes may also be eligible for subsidy (enquire at time of registration).

Subsidies will be applied as follows:

Household Size	Maximum Household Income	Maximum Household Income	Maximum Household Income	Maximum Household Income	Maximum Household Income
2 persons	\$6,212	\$12,424	\$18,637	\$24,849	\$31,061
3 persons	\$7,637	\$15,274	\$22,911	\$30,548	\$38,185
4 persons	\$9,272	\$18,545	\$27,817	\$37,090	\$46,362
5 persons	\$10,517	\$21,033	\$31,550	\$42,066	\$52,583
6 persons	\$11,861	\$23,722	\$35,582	\$47,443	\$59,304
7 persons	\$13,205	\$26,411	\$39,616	\$52,822	\$66,027
Eligibility	70% Subsidy	60%Subsidy	50% Subsidy	40% Subsidy	30%Subsidy

How to Apply:

1. Initial Application for financial assistance must be submitted in person at the Music & Arts School office.
2. Parents must provide official proof of **total household annual income**. Examples of acceptable proof of income include the Canada Child Benefit (CCB) Statements or the Federal Income Tax Notice of Assessment. Original documents **must** be provided- photocopies are not acceptable.
3. For students accepted into the financial assistance program:
 - a. Official Proof of Income need only be provided once per School year (September to June).
 - b. Re-registrations during a given School year may be completed over the phone or in-person.
 - c. The spring prior to a new School year, returning students will receive re-application packages.

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Other Important Information:

- Acceptance into the Financial Assistance Program means that programs are offered at a reduced rate. We are unable to offer programs completely free of charge.
- Once accepted into the program, financial assistance will be rolled forward each term throughout the regular School year period (Sept through June).
- All student files will be subject to regular review. The School will take into account the following:
 - The student's general attitude, goals, and progress.
 - The student's Attendance and Cancellation records.

Possible grounds for removal from the Financial Assistance Program include:

- Continually missing lessons or classes
- Frequent lateness for lessons or classes for no adequate reason
- Not practicing regularly
- Persistent disruptive behavior in class environment

For registration and further information, please contact the Music & Arts School office at 416- 598- 3444 ext 243/244

Above information subject to change.
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