

GRAND RAPIDS FEDERATION OF MUSICIANS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

2026 APPLICATION FORM

Donald D Armstrong Scholarship

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2026

The Grand Rapids Federation of Musicians Scholarship Fund, Inc., is offering one \$300.00 scholarship this year for an instrumental music student who is currently a high school junior. The purpose of the scholarship is to assist in providing a musical experience (such as a music camp or individual instruction, or the purchase of an instrument or related equipment) for students who will be returning to their school instrumental music programs in the fall. Consideration is based equally upon financial need, teacher recommendation, and the student's musical goals and achievements.

REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Nominees are to be selected by their school instrumental music instructor.
- 2) The applicant must be actively participating in an ensemble within the school's music program.
- 3) The applicant must be a junior in high school and intend to return as a participant in the school music program as a senior.
- 4) The award must be used for individualized study (private lessons) and/or ensemble coaching, enhancing musicianship with either a private instructor or at a music camp, workshop, or seminar, or for the purchase of an instrument or related equipment.
- 5) Only one application may be submitted per school. The school must be located within the jurisdiction of the Grand Rapids Federation of Musicians (visit our website GrandRapidsMusicians.org for the list of counties in Michigan).

PART ONE/TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

Name _____ Instrument _____

Home address: _____

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

High School _____

Parent or Legal Guardian(s): _____

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

Describe your major areas of musical interest, goals, etc.

List the school ensembles in which you perform.

List the other ensembles in which you have performed, including honorary groups, community groups, etc.

Other musical honors, awards, activities, etc.

Describe any musical instruction you have received outside of school (private teachers, camps, etc.).

How are you planning to use this scholarship, if selected?

Name of camp or instructor _____

Address _____

Email address _____ Phone _____

PART TWO/TO BE COMPLETED BY THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TEACHER
ONLY ONE RECOMMENDATION PER SCHOOL

Student's Name _____

Instructor's Name _____ Phone _____

High School and Address _____

Date of Spring Concert or Awards Ceremony _____

(If possible, we would like to give a personal presentation of this award.)

Thank you for taking the time to complete this recommendation form. The information furnished will be treated in a strictly confidential and professional manner. Please feel free to use a separate sheet of paper, if necessary.

1) Please give a brief assessment of this student's financial need.

2) How is this student of value to your music program? Please assess the student in the following areas (single words or short phrases are sufficient):

- Musical Talent

- Attitude

- Work Habits

- Social Skills with Teachers and Peers

Instructor's Signature _____ Date _____

**Please return the entire application by March 31, 2026, via email, to:
GRFM@GrandRapidsMusicians.org**