



# THE RIVERS SCHOOL CONSERVATORY

## Financial Aid Application

### POLICY AND PROCEDURES

The Rivers School Conservatory awards financial aid on the basis of need. Awards are contingent upon the thorough and prompt completion of the financial aid application process. **Please note that failure to complete the following steps below (can jeopardize a student's potential to receive financial aid).**

Decisions are made by a standing committee comprising the Director of The Rivers School Conservatory, the Director of Operations (or his designee), and representatives of the faculty. To ensure equitable distribution of funds, all applicants must fill out the attached application **completely** and provide copies of the required supporting documents, including the first two pages of the most recently completed 1040 federal tax form. Feel free to provide supplemental information for any sections that require special explanations. Incomplete or inaccurate applications will jeopardize accurate and adequate distribution of funds.

Complete the enclosed Financial Aid Request Form and send to:

**The Rivers School Conservatory**  
**Attn: Lindsey Robb, Director of Operations**  
**333 Winter Street**  
**Weston, MA 02493**

### DECISION MAKING POLICY

The Rivers School Conservatory Financial Aid Committee will make a decision provided all questions are answered completely. **Financial Aid decisions are made only when we have a completed financial aid request form and a copy of the first two pages of your most recent 1040 form.**

### STUDENT AND FAMILY EXPECTATIONS

We expect students awarded financial aid to understand their commitment to a music education and to value the investment their family and the school is making in them. All RSC patrons, including financial aid recipients may be asked to volunteer at special Conservatory programs, such as the Seminar on Contemporary Music, Jazz Fest, Chamber Music Workshops, or Holiday Pops.

## 1. STUDENT APPLICANT INFORMATION

A. Student's name \_\_\_\_\_  
Male ☐ Female ☐ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate the relationship of the parent(s) or guardian(s) listed in 2A and 2B to the student

☐ Father ☐ Stepfather ☐ Male Guardian  
☐ Mother ☐ Stepmother ☐ Female Guardian

Student lives with (check all that apply)

☐ Father ☐ Stepfather ☐ Male Guardian  
☐ Mother ☐ Stepmother ☐ Female Guardian

B. Home address to which all correspondence will be mailed:

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

C. List all classes in which the student will be enrolled. For private lessons, please include lesson length.

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## 2. PARENT, STEPPARENT, OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION

A. Parent (1) Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation/Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

B. Parent (2) Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation/Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. TAX INFORMATION

A. The information on this form is from a tax return that is: ☐ Completed ☐ Estimated

B. Income Tax Filing Status: **For two years prior:** **For previous year:**  
☐ Single ☐ Single  
☐ Married, joint return ☐ Married, joint return  
☐ Married, filing separately ☐ Married, filing separately  
☐ Head of household ☐ Head of household  
☐ Do not file ☐ Do not file

C. Did the student applicant(s) file a federal tax return for the previous year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

D. How many federal income tax exemptions did you or will you claim for the previous year? \_\_\_\_\_

E. How many children, including the student applicant(s) are residing in your home and/or receiving support from you in the previous year? \_\_\_\_\_

F. How many children entered in item E will be attending full-time childcare, tuition-charging preschools, schools, or colleges in the upcoming year? \_\_\_\_\_

4. PARENT'S ANNUAL INCOME AND EXPENSE		Last Year Filed	Current Year (est.)
<b>A. Total Taxable Income Before Deductions</b>			
	Salaries and wages - for parent, stepparent, guardian in 2A	_____	_____
	Salaries and wages - for parent, stepparent, guardian in 2B	_____	_____
	Dividend and/or interest income	_____	_____
	Alimony received	_____	_____
<b>B. Total Nontaxable Income</b>			
	Child Support received for all children	_____	_____
	Social Security benefits for entire family	_____	_____
	Other nontaxable income	_____	_____
C.	Total income (A + B)	_____	_____
D.	IRS total itemized deductions from IRS Schedule A	_____	_____
E.	Self-employment tax paid	_____	_____
F.	Total medical/dental expenses (not reimbursed by insurance)	_____	_____
	Total medical and dental insurance you paid	_____	_____
G.	Unusual expenses	_____	_____
H.	Total Expenses (add D through G)	_____	_____
<b>5. ASSETS</b>			
A.	Approximate appraised house value	_____	
B.	Outstanding mortgage balance	_____	
C.	Net home equity	_____	
D.	Other real estate	_____	
E.	Cash, savings and investments	_____	
F.	Automobile(s)	_____	
	1. Year _____ Model _____	3. Year _____ Model _____	
	2. Year _____ Model _____	4. Year _____ Model _____	
G.	How much did you pay for camps for the current year	_____	
	How much do you plan to pay for camps for the year for which the student is applying	_____	
H.	How much did you pay for vacations for the current year	_____	
	How much do you plan to pay for vacations for the year for which the student is applying	_____	
6.	How much are you willing to pay for music lessons from all sources (including gifts from relatives, student earnings, etc.) for the year for which the student is applying	_____	

**7. PARENT'S CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION**

We declare that the information reported on this form, to the best of our knowledge and belief, is true, correct, and complete.

Signature of Parent/Guardian in 2A \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Parent/Guardian in 2B \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include a copy of the first two pages of your most recent 1040 form from your federal tax return.**