Music Scholarship FAQs

Music scholarships are awarded to music majors, based on their audition. Music minors and non-majors who play instruments needed in ensembles (typically strings, oboe, bassoon, horn, tuba) may be awarded a scholarship to help cover the cost of applied lesson fees. The jazz division also awards scholarships to non-majors, based on need and ability. Most scholarships are renewable for an additional three years (four years total), except in the case of transfer students or continuing student scholarships, which can only be renewed through year four of study.

At the end of each semester, the Associate Director reviews each student’s academic record and enrolment for the following semester to verify that the criteria stated in the scholarship award letter are being met (criteria are noted in the award letter, and on the next page of this document).

- After review, if all criteria are met, the scholarship continues.
- If one or more criteria are not met, the student is notified by email that scholarship has been placed on probation for one semester. At the end of the probationary semester, if the criteria are met, the scholarship continues. If the criteria are not met, the scholarship will be discontinued. Note that only one semester of probation is allowed.

Additional points to note:
- Music majors who change to another major (not in music) will have their scholarship revoked immediately.
- Music majors who drop the major and change to the music minor must appeal to the Scholarship Committee to have a portion of their original scholarship continue.
- For music minors, if the requirements for the minor are completed, the scholarship may be continued if the student is enrolled in applied lessons AND participating in large ensemble where the instrument is needed.
- Non-major jazz scholarships require participation in an ensemble approved by the jazz faculty.

If you have questions about your scholarship, please see Dr. Boyd in RSL 115D.

To appeal a decision regarding a discontinued scholarship, please see the following policy statement: https://docs.google.com/document/d/16J32zMM1TkEhVP-B8xR99fli-PLSaqpu/edit
Criteria for Music Scholarships

For music majors:
- Must be enrolled full time as a music major
- Must earn a grade of B or higher in applied lessons
- Grades in other music courses must be C or higher
- Semester GPA must be 3.0 or higher
- Must be enrolled in an eligible large ensemble approved by the ensemble directors and determined by placement audition on the instrument for which the scholarship was awarded

For music minors:
- Must be enrolled full time at UNI with a declared minor in music
- Must earn a grade of B or higher in applied lessons
- Semester GPA must be 3.0 or higher
- Must be enrolled in an eligible large ensemble approved by the ensemble directors and determined by placement audition on the instrument for which the scholarship was awarded
- NOTE: if the requirements for the minor are completed, the scholarship may be continued if the student is enrolled in applied lessons AND participating in large ensemble where the instrument is needed AND for which the scholarship was awarded

For non-majors playing instruments in areas of need:
- Must be enrolled full time at UNI
- Must take applied lessons each semester (does not apply to jazz non-majors)
- Must be enrolled in an eligible large ensemble approved by the ensemble directors and determined by placement audition on the instrument for which the scholarship was awarded