

# LACESMA

Los Angeles City Elementary Schools Music Association

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**ATTENTION:** Elementary Music Teachers, Classroom Teachers, and Parents  
**ANNOUNCING:** 2025 LOS ANGELES CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS MUSIC ASSOCIATION MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS  
**FROM:** LACESMA Board of Directors

## **Introduction:**

The Los Angeles City Elementary Schools Music Association (LACESMA) is offering a limited number of scholarships to students who have shown exceptional promise and achievement in the field of music. Scholarships are awarded to pupils who have been enrolled in school music classes or who have taken private lessons. Students may audition on a standard orchestral instrument or on piano. All applications must have a recommendation from their school music teacher or administrator.

## **General Information:**

- Questions regarding the auditions should be directed to the student's LAUSD music teacher, or email: [lacesmascholarship@gmail.com](mailto:lacesmascholarship@gmail.com)
- The audition is **Saturday, March 8, 2025** at **Los Angeles Valley College**.
- The student's specific audition time and directions to the site will be emailed on **February 22, 2025**.
- Each \$400 scholarship will be paid directly to the private music teacher.
- Students who have previously received THIS scholarship may not audition again on the same instrument.
- Students will be evaluated under one of three categories: private lessons, group lessons, and LAUSD music class.

## **Information for Parents:**

- The panel of judges will select recipients by a process of audition and evaluation.
- This application must be complete in order to be considered for the audition.
- In selecting recipients, LACESMA reserves the right to determine which private teacher is best qualified to meet the needs of the student.
- The decision of the judges will be final.
- If your child is awarded a scholarship:
  - ✓ You are required to notify LACESMA by **May 31, 2025** about the teacher who will be providing the scholarship lessons, or the scholarship may not be awarded.
  - ✓ You **MUST** provide a means of transportation for your child to attend the scholarship lessons.
  - ✓ Scholarships are for private lessons on the instrument auditioned.
  - ✓ The student's regular LAUSD/recommending music teacher may not be selected as the private teacher.
  - ✓ A family member may not be selected as the private teacher.

## **Qualifications for the Scholarship Candidates:**

- Students **MUST** be currently enrolled in LAUSD Elementary Schools in grades K-6.
- Piano students **MUST** have received at least two years of piano instruction.

## **Information for Recommending LACESMA Teachers:**

- Must be in good standing (membership dues must be paid by the Scholarship Application deadline of **February 8, 2025**..
- See audition piece requirements below.
- Teachers with two or more applicants must *submit a complete list* of all applicants and their accompanists (if applicable) to facilitate scheduling to: [lacesmascholarship@gmail.com](mailto:lacesmascholarship@gmail.com).
- No recommending teacher can give scholarship lessons to the student he/she recommends for a scholarship audition.
- Please make sure that the private teacher information for the winners is submitted by the parents by **May 31, 2025**, or the scholarship award may be rescinded.
- Parents agree to provide transportation for the child to attend the scholarship lessons if awarded a scholarship.
- Recommending teachers, principals, and parents must fill out the Parent/Teacher/Principal Signature Page (attached).

**Audition Piece Requirements (see QR code for more information):**



- Select solo of appropriate difficulty for the student, not to exceed five minutes in length. For recommended repertoire, please [click here](#) or scan the above QR code.
- NO orchestra pieces or exercises from method books
- SOLO pieces from the method books are acceptable
- Students are **not** required to use an accompanist.
- Applicants must be prepared to play a one-octave (at least), ascending and descending scale **in the same key** as the audition piece.
- Playing from memory is **not** required.
- Only the applicant and accompanist (if applicable) are permitted in the audition room.
- Student must bring three copies of the performance composition for the judges.

Students submitting entries should be aware of the following three dates:

- **Saturday, February 22, 2025** Notification of audition time emailed to applicants and teachers
- **Saturday, March 8, 2025** Auditions at Los Angeles Valley College, Music Building
- **Saturday, April 5, 2025** Winners will be celebrated at an Awards Ceremony

**TENTATIVE AUDITION DAY SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, March 8, 2025**

<b>AM (8am-12pm)</b>	Piano	Strings	Trumpet/Trombone/ French Horn/Percussion	Clarinet/Saxophone/Flute (if necessary)
<b>PM (12pm-3pm)</b>	Piano	Strings	Clarinet/Saxophone/Flute	

**Scholarship Application Instructions**

*To be completed by the PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN ONLY.*

Completed signature forms AND Google Forms no later than **Saturday, February 8, 2025.**

**Instructions:**

**1.** The application must be completed in a **Google Form**. You may do this by [clicking here](#) or scanning this QR Code:



**2.** There is a form attached on the next page (**Parent/Teacher/Principal Signature Page**) that must be signed by the parent/guardian, teacher AND principal. Once you have gotten all 3 signatures, you must upload that form to the following email address:

[lacesmascholarship@gmail.com](mailto:lacesmascholarship@gmail.com).

You may use this QR code to scan and upload:



Parents/students will be notified of audition times **by EMAIL ONLY**. If you do not submit an email address, let your recommending teacher know so they can get that information to you.

For assistance or further information, please contact Cheryl Fukushima Scholarship Co-Chair, at (310) 880-0429 or at: [lacesmascholarship@gmail.com](mailto:lacesmascholarship@gmail.com).

**PARENT/TEACHER/PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE PAGE**

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Parent, Recommending Teacher, Principal, and/or Assistant Principal, Please Complete the Following Section\*\***

**This page should be uploaded to [lacesmascholarship@gmail.com](mailto:lacesmascholarship@gmail.com) when completed (no later than Saturday, February 8, 2025).**

Is the recommending school music teacher a LACESMA MEMBER? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: ALL RECOMMENDING SCHOOL MUSIC TEACHERS MUST BE A LACESMA MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING.  
IF NOT A CURRENT MEMBER, PLEASE REFER TO ATTACHMENT D FOR MEMBERSHIP INFO.

Recommending Music Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(print)

Personal Email address (print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

School Name and Type/Name of Program (School Orchestra, After School Enrichment, Harmony Project, YOLA, CSUN, etc.)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by \_\_\_\_\_  
Elementary School Music Teacher's Name (signature)

Principal/Assistant Principal Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print clearly) School Board District # and Local District

Principal/Assistant Principal Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Principal/Assistant Principal Email address \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print clearly).

**\*\*\*Parents, Please Complete the Following Section\*\*\***

The signature below confirms that the above application that you completed in the Google Form is complete and accurate. Incomplete and/or inaccurate applications will cause the applicant to be ineligible for an audition/scholarship.

I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE TERMS AND THAT ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ME IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**LACESMA Scholarship Audition Photo and Video Release Form**

Dear Parents: We are requesting permission from you and your child to be videotaped and/or photographed to document scholarship day and any other LACESMA Scholarship events in which he/she may participate. The photos or videos may be posted on our website; however, no child's name will appear with the pictures. In order for us to use your child's image, we ask that you carefully read and sign the release form below.

To Whom It May Concern:

The Los Angeles City Elementary Schools Music Association (aka LACESMA) has my permission to photograph and/or videotape my child at the LACESMA Scholarship Auditions and subsequent scholarship events.

I understand the following:

1. These photos and videos may be posted by LACESMA on their website.
2. They will be used to publicize our programs and for arts education advocacy.
3. My child's name will not appear along with any picture.
4. My child's image will not be used for profit, and there will be no compensation provided if it is used.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent /Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I have talked about this request with my parent/guardian and agree that my image may be used by LACESMA.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_