



Frederick Community College
Shields Music Scholarship Awards
Information Sheet

Frederick Community College and the George L. Shields Foundation are pleased to offer annually Shields Music Scholarship Awards in the following categories:

Children with prior or current experience studying privately with a music instructor: (ages 6-18) Scholarships conferred on students who perform exceptionally on a live audition that includes a piece or excerpts of no more than five minutes in length that will best show the students abilities. Along with the student's statement and a teacher evaluation, judging criteria include technique, tone, intonation, expressiveness, and stage presence. Scholarships in this category cover the cost of 30-minute lessons during the Fall semester. Award renewals in the spring semester are determined by teacher recommendation. Winners electing to pursue 45-minute or hour-long courses of study may apply their awards toward tuition.

Children who have no prior private musical instruction: (ages 6-18) Scholarships conferred on deserving students who have never taken private music lessons. Selections in this category will be based on the student statement and teacher evaluation. No audition is required. Scholarships in this category cover the cost of 30-minute lessons during the fall semester. Award winners electing to pursue 45-minute or hour-long courses of study may apply their awards towards tuition. Scholarship renewals in the spring semester are determined by teacher recommendation.

Entering college freshmen majoring in music at FCC: Scholarships conferred on music majors who perform exceptionally on a short, live audition that includes one piece or movement of no more than 10 minutes duration. Applicants wishing to apply are to write a short essay describing their career goals. These applications should also include a copy of their high school transcripts and a teacher recommendation. The award is \$750 for the fall semester. Award renewals for the spring semester are determined by teacher recommendation.

Auditioning finalists are given written notification of the audition time and place. **Auditions will take place this year, on Saturday August 5, 2017.** Judges reserve the right to withhold awards or award partial scholarships.

Because the college closes on Fridays during the summer, and because of the 4th of July holiday schedule, a hard copy of the application with all material is due in hand by:

Application Deadline: June 30, 2017

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