



# 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 Business Manager, Director of Finance & 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. 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: David J. Tierney, Director**  
**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 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 financial aid recipients will be asked to volunteer at special Conservatory programs, such as the Seminar on Contemporary Music, Chamber Music Workshops, or Performathon.

## 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:**  Single  Married, joint return  Married, filing separately  Head of household  Do not file  
**For previous year:**  Single  Married, joint return  Married, filing separately  Head of household  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? \_\_\_\_\_

<b>4. PARENT'S ANNUAL INCOME AND EXPENSE</b>	<b>Last Year Filed</b>	<b>Current Year (est.)</b>
<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	_____	_____
<b>C. Total income (A + B)</b>	_____	_____
<b>D. IRS total itemized deductions from IRS Schedule A</b>	_____	_____
<b>E. Self-employment tax paid</b>	_____	_____
<b>F. Total medical/dental expenses (not reimbursed by insurance)</b>		
Total medical and dental insurance you paid	_____	_____
<b>G. Unusual expenses</b>	_____	_____
<b>H. Total Expenses (add D through G)</b>	_____	_____
 <b>5. ASSETS</b>		
<b>A. Approximate appraised house value</b>	_____	
<b>B. Outstanding mortgage balance</b>	_____	
<b>C. Net home equity</b>	_____	
<b>D. Other real estate</b>	_____	
<b>E. Cash, savings and investments</b>	_____	
<b>F. Automobile(s)</b>		
1. Year _____ Model _____	3. Year _____ Model _____	
2. Year _____ Model _____	4. Year _____ Model _____	
<b>G. How much did you pay for camps for the current year</b>		_____
How much do you plan to pay for camps for the year for which the student is applying		_____
<b>H. How much did you pay for vacations for the current year</b>		_____
How much do you plan to pay for vacations for the year for which the student is applying		_____
<b>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</b>		_____

**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 your most recent tax return.**