



- **Private Music Lessons**
- **Musical Instruments**
- **Recording Projects**
- **Workshops, Clinics and Performances**

Last year **Hand Me Down Some Silver, Inc.** awarded fifteen full-year private lesson and instrument scholarships for students in the Gallatin Valley.

HMDSS is pleased to again offer scholarships for 2010-2011.

If you need musical assistance, please apply and spread the word about this program and the benefit for young musicians in the Gallatin Valley.

If you don't need assistance, please assist by spreading the word and contacting us to find out how you can ***help young musicians shine.***

Hand Me Down Some Silver, Inc.
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To download this application, go to www.handmedownsomesilver.org and click on "Scholarships."

Hand Me Down Some Silver, Inc. Scholarship Application Information and Instructions



Types of Scholarships

1. **Individual private music lessons** - Provides funding for an entire year of private music lessons. This is a scholarship for passionate and dedicated young musicians. Individuals receiving this scholarship will be required to commit to an entire year of music lessons from the teacher of their choice. Parents will be called upon to encourage and support that commitment and see their child through any difficult learning stages. Terminating lessons will be permitted only under extreme circumstances.
2. **Ensemble instruction** - Provides 15 hours of instruction for small ensembles (jazz combo, rock bands, chamber groups, etc.)
3. **Instrument** - Provides financial assistance for the purchase of a new instrument.
4. **Recording Scholarship** - Provides financial and professional production assistance to young musicians with a desire to record their music.

Eligibility

Any current student of music or any person with a desire to study music in grades 6-12 who are actively participating in an ensemble such as band, choir or orchestra may apply. Students of piano, guitar and other such instruments for which there is no school ensemble available may also apply.

HMDSS believes all students should have equal opportunities to experience music. Private lessons, quality instruments and the recording process help students excel in music, giving them confidence in larger groups and as a soloist, enhancing their musical experience. In striving for equality, scholarships are awarded based on passion for and desire to study music as well as financial need.

How to Apply

- Complete the Scholarship Application form
- Compose a three part essay, typed or nicely hand written, with each section labeled separately:
 - Section 1 - Financial Need** - Describe your situation and why you feel you need assistance.
 - Section 2 - Intended Use** - Describe your musical goals and desires, your teacher of choice, your instrument of choice, the status of your current project you wish to record.
 - Section 3 - Why You?** - Explain why you feel the scholarship should be awarded to you, what impact it will have on your life and your commitment to music and any other information that describes your uniqueness.
- Complete top portion of Recommendation Forms and distribute for completion to at least two people who know you well. These can be teachers, coaches, mentors, pastors, etc., but may not include family members or peers. Completed forms should be returned to you in a sealed envelope. (You may wish to supply the envelopes, with your name on the front, for ease of return.)
- Mail completed application, essay and recommendation forms together to:
 - HMDSS
 - c/o Steve Merriman
 - PO Box 6351
 - Bozeman, MT 59771

Criteria for Determining Awards

Application must be completed and postmarked by June 1, 2010.
Quality and completeness of essay
Financial need

Dates and Deadlines

June 1, 2010 - Deadline for submission of application.
August 1, 2010 - Notification of winners.
August 15, 2010 - Deadline to accept or decline scholarship.
September 1, 2010 - Arrangements will be made with private instructors or instrument retailers to purchase services or instruments.

For more information contact: Steve Merriman, 599-7609.

Hand Me Down Some Silver, Inc. Scholarship Application



Applicant's Name _____

Parent or Guardian's Name _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

City, State Zip _____ Email _____

Current Grade Level in School _____ School _____

Instrument _____ Other Musical Interests _____

Ensembles in which you participate _____

Type of Scholarship for which you are applying:

- Individual Private Music Lesson

Please print the name of your teacher so that we may contact them if you are chosen.

Teacher's Name

Phone Number

- Ensemble Instruction

Please print the name of your ensemble director so that we may contact them if you are chosen.

Director's Name

Phone Number

- Instrument

Please provide the following information:

Brand _____

Model _____

Price _____

- Recording Scholarship

Student Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian Signature (required)

Date

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Hand Me Down Some Silver, Inc. Scholarship Recommendation Form



The student named below is applying for assistance from Hand Me Down Some Silver and is asking for your recommendation. Please fill out the form and return to the student (in a sealed envelope) as soon as possible. If you have questions regarding this form, please contact Steve Merriman at 406-599-7609. Thank you for your assistance and support of young musicians.

(to be completed by student)

Applicant's Name _____

Type of Scholarship for which student is applying:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Private Music Lesson | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensemble Instruction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Instrument | <input type="checkbox"/> Recording Project |

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Please check the box that best applies (to the best of your knowledge):

Level of financial need: Low Moderate Severe

Level of dedication to music study: Low Moderate Serious

Please provide additional information regarding character, commitment, need of the student, as well as the benefits that a scholarship could provide. (Use additional paper, if necessary).

Signature

Date

Email address

Phone

Please return this form in a sealed envelope to the student named above as soon as possible.