MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS

2027 YOUTH AMBASSADOR SCHOLARSHIP

Learn. Grow. Pursue Excellence!

A scholarship opportunity valued at $2,000

for La Plata County students in grades 9-12

16 WEEKS	FESTIVAL ACCESS	PERFORM	REPRESENT
Private music lessons	Two free tickets to selected 2027 concerts	At a Music in the Mountains Festival fundraising event	Music education in our schools and community

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

We are looking for high school musicians who are passionate about growing as artists, committed to their music, and excited to represent Music in the Mountains in their schools and community.

- Students in grades 9-12 attending a La Plata County school
- Students with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Students able to perform at the Education Gala Fundraiser on **Tuesday, July 13, 2027**
- Students and families prepared to commit to regular private lessons and the Youth Ambassador experience

YOUR APPLICATION IN 4 STEPS

1	2	3	4
ABOUT YOU	**YOUR STORY**	**A TEACHER**	**YOUR MUSIC**
Student + parent/guardian information	A short 1-2 page essay	A music teacher recommendation	A 3-5 minute audition video

APPLICATION DEADLINE • SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2026

Apply online at musicinthemountains.com/youth-ambassador-scholarship-application/

1 ABOUT YOU

Prefer paper? Complete this page and submit it with the materials described on pages 3-4. The online application is also available at musicinthemountains.com.

STUDENT NAME

_____

BIRTH DATE

_____

GRADE

_____

GPA

_____

SCHOOL

_____

INSTRUMENT

_____

MUSIC TEACHER

_____

PARENT / GUARDIAN

NAME

_____

RELATIONSHIP

_____

PHONE

_____

EMAIL

_____

MAILING ADDRESS

_____

YOUR Music in the Mountains EXPERIENCE

Have you received a Music in the Mountains scholarship before? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you participated in another Music in the Mountains Goes to School program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which program(s)? _____

SIGNATURES

By signing below, we confirm that the information in this application is accurate and that we understand the commitment involved in accepting a Youth Ambassador Scholarship.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

_____

DATE

_____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

_____

DATE

_____

2 TELL US YOUR STORY

On a separate page, write a short 1-2 page, double-spaced essay. We want to get to know you - not just your resume.

- Tell us a little about yourself.
- Why did you choose your instrument?
- What does music mean to you?
- How would this scholarship help you grow as a musician?
- What would it mean to represent Music in the Mountains as a Youth Ambassador?

TIP FOR STUDENTS

There is no single “right” answer. Let your personality, musical interests, goals, and enthusiasm come through.

3 ASK A MUSIC TEACHER

Ask your private music instructor or school music teacher to provide a recommendation. The recommendation may be included with your application or submitted separately.

Please ask your teacher to comment on your:

- Motivation and commitment
- Musical growth and talent
- Discipline and work habits
- Experience and potential
- Any other qualities that would help the Education Committee get to know you

Please note: scholarship recipients are responsible for transportation to private lessons.

Teacher recommendations are due Sunday, November 28, 2026.

Recommendations may be emailed separately to abeach@musicinthemountains.com.

4 SHOW US YOUR MUSIC

Submit a 3-5 minute audition video of yourself playing your instrument. Any genre of music is welcome.

- Your video does not need to be professionally produced.
- Make sure we can see and hear you clearly.
- Begin by introducing yourself and the piece you will perform.
- Choose music that helps us hear who you are as a musician.

This is your opportunity to shine and share your love of music.

READY TO APPLY?

Before you submit, use this checklist to make sure your application is complete.

- ☐ Part 1 - Student and parent/guardian information complete and signed
- ☐ Part 2 - 1-2 page student essay
- ☐ Part 3 - Music teacher recommendation
- ☐ Part 4 - 3-5 minute audition video
- ☐ All materials submitted by Sunday, November 28, 2026

HOW TO SUBMIT

ONLINE: musicinthemountains.com/youth-ambassador-scholarship-application

BY EMAIL: to attention: Angie Beach, Executive Director at abeach@musicinthemountains.com

QUESTIONS 970-385-6820

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Scholarship recipients are selected by a panel of professional musicians associated with Music in the Mountains and members of the Music in the Mountains Education Committee.

Thank you!