



MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026



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DEPARTMENT OF
MUSIC

HOW TO APPLY

1. Visit cuw.edu/musicscholarship and complete the online application

2. Complete a **musical background résumé** including the following:

- **MUSICAL ABILITY:** all instruments, voice, handbells, piano, and organ
- **MUSICAL PROGRAM INVOLVEMENT SINCE 9TH GRADE:** name of programs, ensembles, camps, etc., including date(s)
- **OTHER MUSICAL INVOLVEMENT:** special roles, leadership roles, and responsibilities, including date(s)
- **MUSICAL HONORS:** honor(s) received, including date(s)
- **CHURCH OR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** positions held, activities, including date(s)

3. Submit **two letters of recommendation**

Reach out to two teachers, instructors or others who are in a position to comment on your musical skill and ability and ask if they are willing to provide a recommendation for you. You will need to provide their name and email when you complete your music scholarship application.

4. Upload your **vocal accompaniment** (if applicable)

ADDITIONAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

Audition Date	Submission Deadline
Oct. 18	Sep. 20
Feb. 7	Jan. 10

*Video auditions are also accepted for students who are unable to attend the in-person audition dates. Submission deadlines listed above are applicable for video auditions as well.

TALENT AWARDS

Our music scholarships range from \$3,000-\$5,000 per year, per medium. Students may perform up to two auditions, with the maximum combined award of \$8,000 per year. Music scholarship recipients must participate in music ensembles and enroll in private lessons each semester.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

VOCAL

- Sing two pieces of contrasting styles from different time periods (8 minute max.)
- Repertoire should be selected from the classical tradition (i.e., no repertoire from a popular idiom or hymns from a hymnal); one of the two selections may be from musical theatre, if desired
- Both pieces must be memorized
- Sight-singing and tonal memory will be evaluated at the audition
- We will provide an accompanist for you; if preferred, you may bring your own
- We are usually able to accommodate all requests for an accompanist as long as the sheet music is submitted by the deadline
- Pre-recorded accompaniment tracks will not be permitted

INSTRUMENTAL

- Play two major scales: B flat, E flat, F, C, G, D concert (two octaves where appropriate)
- Play two pieces of contrasting styles. (8 minute max.) Ideas for repertoire may come from state Solo & Ensemble lists
- Sight-reading will be evaluated at the audition
- Accompanists are not required for instrumental auditions, but you are allowed to provide your own accompanist
- Please bring extra copies of the music (and accompaniment, if applicable) to your audition

PIANO & ORGAN

- Play two pieces of contrasting styles from different time periods (8 minute max.)
- Repertoire should be selected from the classical tradition (i.e., no repertoire from a popular idiom)

FOR PIANO:

- Memorization of music is preferred
- Be able to play major & minor scales up to four sharps & four flats
- Sight-reading will be evaluated

FOR ORGAN:

- Additionally, choose a hymn to play
- Sight-reading and scales are not evaluated

HANDBELL

- Play two contrasting pieces, classical or hymn based, demonstrating ringing technique and musicality (any ringing position, treble or bass clef)
- Play a brief musical excerpt with accidentals to show skill in making bell changes
- Perform “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” (Hymn To Joy) as a solo piece playing all notes of the melody in a smooth flowing manner, legato style



OFFICIAL AWARDS

CUW's Music Scholarship awards are not official until a Music Department Award contract is signed by the recipient and received by the Music Office by the award deadline. Until receipt of your contract, any Music Scholarship Award listed on your financial aid letter may be subject to change.

PROSPECTIVE MUSIC MAJORS

Students pursuing a music major are eligible for a guaranteed award of \$3,000 per year. All students must complete the music scholarship audition process to be considered.

