



Financial Assistance Information

***NOTE: Financial Assistance Application Deadline: August 15th, 2025**

If you are inquiring about financial assistance after August 15th, please contact the RSSoM team at education@richmondsymphony.com.

Richmond Symphony School of Music (RSSoM) is committed to enrolling students from diverse economic, religious, ethnic, racial, and social backgrounds. As part of our commitment to equal access to high-quality music education, RSSoM offers financial assistance for families who would otherwise be unable to afford participation.

About RSSoM Financial Assistance Program:

- Needs-based Financial Assistance award decisions are based on a family's financial need and RSSoM's ability to support a percentage of that need.
- Financial Assistance funds are limited and are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Families must reapply with each registration.
- Financial Assistance awards are applied as a percentage reduction of the total tuition.
- Students receiving financial assistance are not eligible for additional discounts.
- Financial Assistance may be decreased or terminated if a student demonstrates unacceptable progress.

Financial Assistance Application Process:

To apply for financial assistance, families must supply:

- Completed Financial Assistance application
- Recent pay stub
- Photocopy of most recent Federal Tax Return **OR** official letter of proof from coordinating agency for welfare, social security, unemployment, child support, maintenance and/or alimony compensation.

Additionally, RSSoM will consider:

- official documentation of changes or extenuating circumstances that have changed the financial status of the applicant subsequent to filing of tax return
- letters indicating extenuating circumstances not documented elsewhere which may support an applicant's claim to assistance (i.e. special needs)

Applications will not be considered complete for review until all materials have been supplied.

For questions regarding application, contact the RSSoM Team at: education@richmondsymphony.com.



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APPLICATION DEADLINE:
August 15, 2025

STUDENT INFORMATION

Full Name (Print):	Date of Birth	/	/	Gender : M	F	Other
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:			
Instrument:	School (Fall '25):	Grade (Fall '25):				
School Music Teacher:	Private Lesson Teacher:					
Home Phone:						
Student Email Address:						
My child may be photographed for promotional materials? YES NO						

GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Mother Father Other:	Name of Company:	EMAIL
Name:	Mobile Phone:	education@richmondsymphony.com
Occupation:	Preferred E-mail	MAIL
		Richmond Symphony RSoM 612 E. Grace St. Suite #401 Richmond, VA 232

Please note that Financial Assistance cannot be granted if this application is incomplete

INCOME INFORMATION - REQUIRED

Supporting documentation **must** be sent to verify the information you give below.

1. What is the Adjusted Gross Income of the person who, for income tax purposes, claims the student listed on this form as a dependent?

Amount: \$ _____

2. What are the total wages of the other parent / guardian? Amount: \$ _____

3. Do you receive any other allotment of monies from agencies representing:

Aid to Families with Dependent Children Amount: \$ _____

VA Public Aid: Monthly/Food Stamps/Wic Amount: \$ _____

Alimony and/or child support Amount: \$ _____

Social Security Amount: \$ _____

Other income (retirement, disability, etc.) Amount: \$ _____

4. Please indicate the total number people within your household: _____

5. **Enclose a photocopy of your latest income tax return and a current pay stub for all wage earners in the family.**

6. If extenuating circumstances occurred in the past year that hinder your ability to pay tuition in full, you may attach written documentation in support of these claims. Enclose a letter on a separate piece of paper describing any other information you would like to be brought to the attention of the Tuition Support Committee. Please write a short statement that explains why taking the indicated class is important to your child.

7. If approved for tuition assistance may we share student biographical information to our scholarship donors? (including: age, grade, instrument, school, ensemble – we will **NOT** release student/family names) Please circle: YES NO

Required: I have read and understand all of RSSoM’s policies and procedures and agree to adhere to them. I understand that tuition support may be withdrawn from any student who does not maintain a record of cooperation and achievement satisfactory to RSSoM. I understand that tuition support is granted for instruction for the season and that I must apply separately for any summer class or camp. I understand that providing false or misleading information on any part of this application will disqualify me from any current or future tuition support from RSSoM. If approved, students may be asked to submit a statement of their experience in RSSoM that we may share with our funders.

Signature_____Date_____

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