The Community Music School

of the Piedmont

Katherine Jameson Piano Scholarship Application

Instructions

CMSP is pleased to invite students with a dedicated interest in piano to apply for the 2027 Katherine Jameson Piano Scholarship. The scholarship will provide one student with piano instruction from the Community Music School of the Piedmont for one year January through December.

This scholarship is established to honor the late Katherine Jameson, a well-known and much-loved music educator in our community and the first piano instructor at the Community Music School. Katherine was devoted to music and the music education of children.

Students between the ages of 10 and 18 who have demonstrated a passion and ability for music are eligible to apply, regardless of prior piano instruction. To apply, students are required to submit a letter of recommendation from someone outside their family (ideally a music instructor) familiar with their musical interests and write a 500-word essay on the role that music plays in their life and why they consider musical study to be an important and valuable undertaking. A successful essay will also demonstrate the student's interest in studying the piano.

The Scholarship Committee will accept applications until December 4, 2026. A committee comprised of piano faculty and CMSP board members will review the applications and announce the winner in December. Lessons through the scholarship will be available beginning in January 2027.

To apply, please submit your completed application and student essay to the address below by December 4, 2026. Your letter of recommendation will also need to be submitted by December 4, 2026 (see Section IV of the Student Application for details).

CHECKLIST FOR KATHERINE JAMESON PIANO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS:

- **Completed Student Application (both pages)**
- **Student Essay**
- **Letter of Recommendation from music instructor**

Please return completed application to:
Scholarship Committee
The Community Music School of the Piedmont
PO Box 442
Upperville, VA 20185
Or email: piedmontmusic@aol.com

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SECTION I: Personal Information

Student's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Grade (Fall 2026): _____ School: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

SECTION II: Applicant's Musical Achievements:

Description of past musical involvement:

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Instrument(s) that you study: _____

Notable musical achievements or awards

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SECTION III: Student Essay

Please write a 500-word essay highlighting the role that music plays in your life and why you consider piano study to be an important and valuable activity. Attach your essay to this form.

SECTION IV: Recommendation Letter

Please ask your current music teacher to submit a letter of recommendation to the Scholarship Committee by December 4, 2026 to be included with your application.

SECTION V: Agreement

As a candidate for the Katherine Jameson Piano Scholarship, should I receive this scholarship I agree to attend private piano lessons regularly; practice the amount set by my instructor; and perform in recitals and workshops as required.

I understand that if I do not meet the above requirements, or if I receive unsatisfactory reports from my instructor, I will forfeit my assistance to another qualified student.

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature:_____

Date: _____

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