

Sayla Music Academy

Scholarship Program

Mission Statement: We wish to provide private music lessons and enrichment to low-income youth who are participating in public school music programs.

We want to advocate the importance of music education and enrichment in the lives of youth. Many students do not have the resources or funding to have access to private music lessons and we wish to provide them with this. Music plays a vital role in our culture and can increase the quality of life for the individual and collective community. Many students going through public school music programs can benefit from the added enrichment of private lessons.

Goal:

Create a Sayla Music Academy Scholarship Program to allow youth to receive free music instruction, performance opportunities, and enrichment through Sayla Music Academy teachers, services, and resources.

What?

Sayla Music Academy will secure funding for a semester session of lessons with a private teacher for students chosen by public school music teacher partners. Other opportunities, such as recitals and ensemble programs, will be offered to the student as well.

Where?

The scholarship fund will serve the immediate Lodi, Lockeford, Galt, and Stockton community. (All lessons will take place at Sayla Music Academy in Lodi. Programs and ensembles such as choir and orchestra will take place at their respective off-site locations in Lodi.)

Who?

Sayla Music Academy will partner with public school music teachers to provide free private music lessons to recommended students who are actively participating in a public school music ensemble, such as orchestra, band, and choir.

When?:

We plan collect donations during the year 2022 and to start open enrollment in January 2023

How?

A scholarship program will be implemented by patrons donating to Sayla Music Academy Scholarship Fund (implemented by the Lodi Arts Foundation), who would hold and administrate the funding. Students will be chosen by their teachers and recommended for the program. Choosing who gets the scholarship will be at the discretion of the Sayla Music Academy administrative team. Students 7-18 years of age will be eligible for the scholarship program. Flexibility on the ages accepted may be discussed.

Each student in the program will be assigned a Sayla instructor who will be their consistent teacher. The Sayla instructor will report to the administration on how the student is doing and if they are fulfilling what is expected of them. Instructors are live scanned and TB tested through the Department of Justice and are qualified to work with children and teens.

Student Expectations

Students will be expected to attend 4 lessons a month for an entire semester (September-December and February-May). Lessons missed due to nationally recognized holidays will be provided with a make up lesson. Possibilities for lessons in the summer (June-July) are available as well.

Students will be provided with and adhere to all applicable Sayla Music Academy policies.

Student's parents or guardian will be expected to bring the student to lessons at a consistent weekly time. Lessons can be rescheduled if the teacher is given 24 hours advance notice. If the student fails to attend the lesson without communication it will be considered an unexcused absence.

If the student has 3 or more unexcused absences, they may be suspended from the program. A progress report will be provided on a monthly basis detailing the student's work and progress with their teacher.

Costs per Student

- Instrument Rental fee for 1 semester: \$100 (*Rental fee includes theft insurance*)
- Private Music Instruction (Semester): \$650
- Participation in Orchestra, Choir, or Ensemble (1 Semester): \$300