



February 5, 2024

Dear Music Families,

The Foxboro Music Association (FMA) is a non-profit organization that supports a wide-range of musical activities and endeavors in the Foxboro Public Schools. One of the larger endeavors is the annual FMA Music Scholarship Program. These scholarships, which are awarded to middle and high school students, support music education beyond the in-school experiences. Recipients can use the funds towards summer music camps, private lessons, or approved musically-based enrichment programs.

All students in grades 5–11 who are participating in some aspect of the Foxboro music program (band, chorus, orchestra) are eligible and **strongly** encouraged to audition for a FMA Scholarship. In 2023, the FMA awarded \$5,000 to 28 middle and high school students. With support and encouragement, your child could be a scholarship winner in 2024!

Every student in the Junior Division (grades 5–8) who auditions will receive a \$25 gift certificate which can be used for either the [Summer Instrumental Music and Chorale \(SIMC\)](#) or the [Jazz Improvisation Workshop](#) this coming June/July.

Scholarship auditions will be conducted on **Thursday, April 25th** from 3:30 to 6:00 PM at **Foxboro High School**. The application link is: <https://bit.ly/2024FMAAudition>.

The application deadline is Friday, April 12, 2024 at 9:00PM. Applicants can expect an email acknowledging the submission of their application within 24 hours. Please email Jenn Hoyt (see below) if this confirmation email is not received. *Please note: Student school email addresses should not be used on the applications. The schools block outside emails from reaching the students, so they will not be able to receive the submission acknowledgement or any other information sent via email.* The schedule of audition times will be sent via email by Friday, April 26th.

The FMA Scholarship audition is a great opportunity for personal and musical growth, regardless of your student's age or range of musical experience. Join us in encouraging as many music students as possible to take advantage of this unique and worthwhile program.

Additional information can be found on the next page. Should you have any further questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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FMA Scholarship Committee Chair

FMA Scholarship Information

Applications are online at:
<https://bit.ly/2024FMAAudition>

Application Deadline: April 12, 2024

Auditions: THURSDAY, APRIL 25th, 3:15–6:00PM
At Foxboro High School

Eligibility requirements:

Applicant must:

- Be a student in grades 5–11 in the Foxborough Public Schools
- Be a current participant in a school-sponsored music group
- Not have received a major FMA Scholarship (1st through 4th place) in 2023

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Audition Music: Students should select one instrument (or voice) on which to audition. Each student must prepare a NEW piece for the audition, not a piece previously prepared for a school group, district, or state competition. Please consult your private music teacher or ensemble conductor when choosing appropriate audition selections. Students should choose a piece of music that is appropriately challenging and interesting. Pop songs are not suitable.

Audition Preparation: Students should be prepared to play scales and should bring three extra copies of music for the judges. Auditions for the Junior Division (grades 5–8) will be no longer than five minutes. Auditions for the Senior Division (grades 9–11) will be no longer than seven minutes. Auditions are judged on a grade-level basis. Judges are typically instructors from or associated with the Foxboro School District, and are appointed by the Music Department Head.

Essay & Scoring: All students are expected to answer an essay question on why they are applying and how the scholarship will benefit them as a musician. Essays for students in grades 7 through 11 will be worth 30 points of the total score. Essays should be two paragraphs and will be judged for both grammar and content. Music auditions will be worth 70 points. Younger middle school students in grades 5 and 6 will be judged solely on their music audition; however, they will be expected to submit an essay to be eligible.

Scholarships can be applied to:

- Summer music camps (approved by the FMA)
- Private music lessons
- Foxboro summer music programs

The FMA Scholarship Committee will send out a complete audition schedule via email to all applicants by **April 19th**. Audition times will be posted in the music department at both the Ahern School and FHS. All who audition will be notified with the results via e-mail by **Wednesday, May 1st**. FMA scholarships will be presented at the annual Pops Concert on **Sunday, May 5th**. Award winners and their families are invited to attend the concert as guests of the FMA.

Applications must be submitted by 9:00 PM on April 12th to be assigned an audition time.