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## **ACADEMIC/PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIPS for OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS**

The MTSU School of Music maintains a scholarship program for musically gifted and academically talented out-of-state students. These awards are available to students seeking to major in any of the School of Music's undergraduate degree concentrations: music education (instrumental or vocal/general) music industry, theory/composition, jazz studies, or performance (winds, brass, piano, strings, guitar, voice, piano, organ and percussion). The amount of the award may vary from \$5,000 to \$19,000 per academic year, based upon the total financial aid package for which a student is eligible. The award is for a maximum of four years for freshmen and three years for transfers, depending on the number of credits previously completed. It is contingent upon a successful audition for the School of Music, academic acceptance to MTSU (see below), and recommendation by the appropriate faculty for the award. While enrolled, students must meet continuing eligibility requirements to maintain the award (see below).

**Auditions for the 2019-2020 academic year are FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2019, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2019, and SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019.** Audition guidelines are located at this website: [www.mtsu.edu/music/scholarships.php](http://www.mtsu.edu/music/scholarships.php). Applicants should contact the specific instructor for advice on preparing to audition as our faculty frequently provide free lessons to prospective students. Visit this website to identify the instructor for your instrument: <http://mts.edu/music/pdf/facultybyarea.pdf>. Students unable to audition in person may submit a DVD, YouTube, Dropbox, or Vimeo links with prior permission from the faculty.

### **Qualifications for Entering Freshman and Transfer Students:**

- An out-of-state student seeking to major in music (not participating in an Academic Common Market program).
- Freshmen applicants must have a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average and a minimum of a 25 ACT composite score.
- Transfer students must have a 3.0 grade point average and no grade in music lower than a C in music.
- All students must be academically admitted to MTSU and accepted by the School of Music by audition.
- Applicants must successfully interview and audition in-person with the appropriate School of Music faculty, which will merit a recommendation for the applicant to receive an out-of-state award.
- Freshmen applicants must complete the Music Theory Placement Examination, given on audition days. The exam score does not admit nor deny students to the School of Music, but helps faculty place students in the proper classes.
- Transfer students who have taken Music Theory will be advised on which courses they should enroll in at MTSU.

### **Continuing eligibility requirements:**

- Remain as a major in good standing in the School of Music.
- Maintain a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA each semester in residence with no grade lower than a C in any music class.
- Enroll in 15-18 hours, fall and spring semesters, and successfully complete at least 15 hours per term, 30 per academic year.
- Register for courses approved by a faculty academic advisor and meet once per semester with the out-of-state mentor.
- Participate in the proper number of assigned ensembles each semester in residence.
- NOTE: the award is not available to students enrolling for *Maymester* or summer school at MTSU.

### **Further Information:**

- MTSU requires the completion and reporting of the FAFSA for financial aid consideration.
- The FIRM deadline for all MTSU major academic scholarships is December 1 – there are no exceptions.
- Students receiving the Out-of-State Academic/Performance award may receive a Music merit award based upon the quality of their audition.
- For assistance, contact Dr. Christopher Dye, Assistant Professor of Music Education/Coordinator of Recruiting, [Christopher.Dye@mtsu.edu](mailto:Christopher.Dye@mtsu.edu) or Dr. Michael Parkinson, Director of the School of Music, [Michael.Parkinson@mtsu.edu](mailto:Michael.Parkinson@mtsu.edu).



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