

# **Steinway Piano Society Piano Bank Application**

Application to receive a Piano from the Steinway Piano Society

A new program in partnership with  
Wisconsin Foundation for School Music (WFSM)

## **OVERVIEW**

The Steinway Piano Society will place pianos from the Piano Bank in the home of qualified children in order to provide a quality instrument for practice and performance while taking piano lessons. Students will be identified by music teachers, school counselors and community program leaders.

## **CRITERIA**

- Assistance is available to children 6-17 years old with household income less than \$50,000 per year for a family of four.
- Applicant agrees to attend lessons and practice regularly.
- Applicant must reside in Columbia, Dane, Green, Iowa, Rock or Sauk counties in the State of Wisconsin.
- Applicant's parent(s) or guardian(s) must sign the Release of School Information Form permitting WFSM to obtain needed information from the child's school for the purposes of verifying the application and determining need.
- The applicant's music teacher must agree to provide feedback on the student's progress to WFSM as requested on an annual basis.
- The completed application must be returned to WFSM with the following attachments:
  1. At least two (2) references including one from a school music teacher or counselor,
  2. A one-page statement about why the student wants to learn to play the piano or what playing the piano means to them.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

- WFSM will identify a selection committee to review, approve or deny applications.
- WFSM will send out application forms to independent piano teachers, private and public schools and appropriate community groups.
- All applicants will be notified in writing of committee's decision.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 17, 2010.**

Print out and send application materials to:

Wisconsin Foundation for School Music, 1005 Quinn Drive, Waunakee, WI 53597

Tel: (608) 850-3566 Fax: (608) 850-3515

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## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide as much information below as is relevant to your family situation.

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Name (if other): \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Family Income:  < \$50,000     > \$50,000 \*    # of Dependents: \_\_\_\_\_

*\* If annual family income exceeds \$50,000, please submit a statement of financial need.*

Age(s) of other children in household: \_\_\_\_\_

How long has the applicant taken piano lessons? \_\_\_\_\_ Years    or \_\_\_\_\_ Just Beginning.

## PIANO TEACHER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you studied with this teacher (years and/or months)? \_\_\_\_\_

I currently do not take piano lessons.

**SCHOOL INFORMATION**

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

School Counselor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in School \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

List school activities and/or community activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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List any special recognition you have received in school or the community: \_\_\_\_\_

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Identify any volunteer activities in the school or community:

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Work experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ESSAY**

STUDENT: Please submit a one page statement about why you like to play piano. Format: Use computer word processing program. 12 point type size. Double space.

**REFERENCES**

Applicant should submit up to three (3) reference letters. One must be drawn from a school staff person. The others may come from an adult over the age of 18, who has known the Applicant for at least two (2) years. Please include names, addresses, and telephone numbers for all references.

**ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT**

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Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Parent or Guardian

Parent or Guardian: by signing above you attest that statements you've made regarding family income, dependents and other material information is accurate to the best of your knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Music Teacher

Music Teacher; by signing above you agree to support the student by providing feedback to WFSM to be used to ensure the Applicant fulfills the criteria for a Piano Bank piano.

**School Information Release Form**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize the school to release information related to enrollment, grade point average, and eligibility for free or reduced lunch for the above-named student. This release is valid for a period of one year from the date of my signature.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian Printed Name)