



SUMMER 2012 • FINANCIAL AID PROCEDURE

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Birch Creek offers financial aid to assist musicians in furthering their artistic development. Award amounts vary and are based on three criteria: the financial need of the family, the artistic ability of the student, and Birch Creek's instrumentation needs. Full scholarships are rare, and at least some financial commitment is usually required of the family, e.g., partial tuition, transportation to and from Birch Creek, or miscellaneous student purchases.

Birch Creek's operating budget, which is the source of financial aid funds, is small and the aid requests we receive are numerous. It is not always possible for Birch Creek to meet the needs of every applicant. Applicants are encouraged to seek assistance from other sources within their community, such as their youth symphony or band parents' group.

Scholarship recipients are expected to perform a small amount of work study while at Birch Creek. Jobs may include library work, kitchen assistance, or general campus cleaning.

PROCEDURE – For Admissions:

Review of applications for admissions begins follows:

• **Symphony** - February 15 • **Percussion & Steel Band** - February 15 • **Jazz** (both sessions) - March 1.

Applications are accepted and welcome after these dates and will be reviewed until positions are filled.

A student must be accepted before his/ her financial aid application will be considered.

PROCEDURE – Financial Aid Application:

1. Complete the **FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION** on the reverse side.
2. Attach a copy of your parents'/guardian's most recent **FEDERAL INCOME TAX FORM** 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ (without schedules).
3. Submit these materials along with any applicable item in Step 4 below. *Please note: General student application requirements must be met before a financial aid application is considered. This includes Birch Creek's receipt of both Applicant Recommendation Forms and a Brief Biography.*
4. All students applying for aid must submit an **AUDITION RECORDING** (except those students performing a live audition). Indicate on your Application Form the method you will use to submit your audition recording.

SYMPHONY SESSION financial aid applicants: The audition recording you submit with your general application materials will also serve for your financial aid application. It should include:

- two contrasting pieces (fast and slow, or contrasting styles) lasting about two minutes each, and
- two scales (one major, one minor) showing your full range.

If you are performing a live audition, the faculty member with whom you have arranged your audition and the date of your audition should be indicated on your Application Form.

PERCUSSION & STEEL BAND SESSION financial aid applicants: The video audition recording you submit with your general application materials will also serve for your financial aid application. It should include:

- Keyboard (Two-mallet) percussion:** One two-mallet solo or etude at or above the level of the etudes found in the Morris Goldenberg "Modern School for Xylophone" method (pages 62-93)
- Snare drum:** One concert snare drum etude or solo at or above the level of "Portraits in Rhythm" etudes 1 – 6 by Anthony Cirone.

JAZZ SESSION financial aid applicants: **DRUM AND SAXOPHONE APPLICANTS** - The audition recording you submit with your general application materials is sufficient to meet this requirement. All other applicants must submit an audition recording not exceeding 10 minutes along with this Application Form to demonstrate your improvisational skills. Your recording should include:

- a blues tune, and a rhythm tune

5. **MAIL** materials to:

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Please type or print clearly

Today's date _____

Session(s) applying for: **Symphony** June 25 – July 7 **Jazz I** July 23 – Aug. 4
 Percussion & Steel Band July 9 - 21 **Jazz II** Aug. 6 - 18

Amount of aid you are requesting \$ _____

PLEASE FILL IN A SPECIFIC DOLLAR AMOUNT

Name _____

Date of Birth ___/___/___

Address _____

Female Male

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____

Instruments: Primary _____ Secondary _____

High School Music Teacher _____

Private Instructor _____

1. How many years have you been playing your instrument(s)? _____

2. How many years have you been studying privately? _____

3. Give a brief statement of your educational and career objectives.

4. List musical organizations in which you are currently active.

5. List any notable music or academic achievements or awards.

6. Do you earn income outside the home? Yes No

If yes, estimated amount earned this past summer and school year \$ _____

If yes, also provide copies of your 2011 W-2 or your most recent 1040, 1040A,
or 1040EZ Federal Income Tax Form (without schedules).

7. Have or will you receive any scholarships or grants to attend Birch Creek from another source? Yes No

If yes, please list the source and the amount. _____

\$ _____

8. Briefly explain any special circumstances (personal, financial, or educational) that affect your need for financial aid.
Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

To ensure fairness and consistency in evaluating applications, we require that you provide a copy of your parents'/guardian's most recent Federal Income Tax Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ (without schedules).

This tax form will be retained in our administrative office in confidence.

To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this application is complete and correct.

Signature of person completing form _____ Date _____

Signature of person(s)
providing Income Tax Form _____ Date _____

Please mail completed application and supporting materials to:

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