



## MEF Bass Scholarship Program

### ***What is it?***

The Bass Scholarship Program is a program to encourage new string students to play the string bass. The District 41 Music Education Foundation, in conjunction with Kagan and Gaines Music, is offering scholarships to subsidize the rental of a string bass for first-year students. With the scholarship, the cost of renting a bass will be the same as renting a cello.

### ***How does it work?***

- To apply for a scholarship, you must have executed a rental agreement directly with Kagan and Gaines for an instrument.
- Kagan and Gaines will supply you with an appropriate string bass. You pay rent to Kagan and Gaines once every three months.
- Music Education Foundation will reimburse you once every three months for the amount of the scholarship for up to one year. (When you pay Kagan and Gaines, you also submit a rebate coupon to the MEF treasurer and receive a rebate.)
- You must keep the rental payments current and remain a member in good standing in the District 41 orchestra program.

### ***How much does it cost?***

In 2019/20, rental and insurance for the bass will be \$140.85 every three months. The Music Education Foundation Scholarship will reimburse first-year bass scholarship families \$39 every three months, making the cost to the student \$33.95 (matching cello rental costs) every month.

### ***How are scholarships awarded?***

In recent years, a total of six to eight scholarships have been awarded. This is done on a lottery basis equally among each of the four elementary schools.

In order to receive a bass scholarship, families need to be a member of the Music Education Foundation. Membership checks of \$25.00 - made out to "Music Education Foundation" - will be accepted at the night of registration or can be given to your orchestra director by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Who should apply?***

Any first-year student who plays string bass in the District 41 string program is eligible for the scholarship. It is intended to encourage and support students who study this rewarding instrument. If your family would enjoy and benefit from the scholarship, apply!

***How do I apply?***

- Register for the District 41 Music Orchestra program.
- Rent a bass from Kagan and Gaines.
- Submit the application information below to the Music Education Foundation by **September 30th**. You can either print the attached form and return it to your Orchestra teacher, or mail the completed form to the following address:

**Music Education Foundation  
Hadley Junior High School  
240 Hawthorne Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137**

***What if I already applied for the scholarship last spring on orchestra registration night?***

You do not need to re-apply. Simply note that your first year bass student will definitely be considered for a scholarship, and that the reimbursement amount equals the difference between the rental cost of a bass and a cello.

***What if I want to buy a bass after renting for a while?***

You can use up to two year's rental toward the purchase of a bass. This means that at the end of the first year (with or without the scholarship) you would have around \$500 credit toward buying a bass.

***Where do I get more information about the rental?***

For information about the rental contract, contact Joe Cali at Kagan and Gaines - (708) 771-2152.

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**Please complete the application on the next page.  
Retain the first 2 pages for your information.**

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School Year: 20\_\_ - \_\_

I would like to apply for a string bass scholarship for the coming school year.

We are enrolling in the orchestra program and will rent a string bass from Kagan and Gaines.

<b>Student Name:</b>		<b>D41 School:</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> year bass player?</b>	Yes	<b>Grade:</b>	5th
<b>Parent's Name:</b>		<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>		<b>Phone:</b>	
<b>Parent Signature:</b>			

*Complete and return to your D41 Orchestra teacher by Friday, September 30th.*

*You may also mail the form to:*

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Thank you and congratulations on choosing to play such a great instrument!



