



# OREGON MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

## Information

### BETTY BALMER MEMORIAL MUSIC STUDY GRANT

This award is made possible by a donation from the estate of Betty Balmer. Betty was a long-time member of OMTA, teaching piano, volunteering great service to the association, and offering friendship to her colleagues in Portland. She passionately believed that every child deserved the advantage of having a musical background. Betty exemplified the essence of a true music educator.

The family of Betty Balmer directs this award to be used to benefit music students who need help financially. They must be studying with a member of OMTA. This is a non-audition grant based on need, dedication to learning, and the student's willingness to share talents in their community.

OMTA teachers who have such students are encouraged to apply for this grant, administered by the OMTA Education Grant Committee. This grant must be renewed annually and can be used for purchasing materials and paying fees, such as for Syllabus Evaluations, festivals, etc., and for payment of lesson tuition. It is strongly recommended that the teacher applying for this award be helping the student by giving lessons on a scholarship or partial scholarship, if possible. This will be a consideration in choosing award recipients.

The strictly confidential applications are to include:

- Student's musical ability, commitment to practicing diligently and to continuing lessons throughout their schooling years
- Syllabus level, awards, honors, awards and honors with other instruments or voice
- Other musical participation
- Teacher's evaluation of financial need
- Percentage tuition reduction given, if offered
- Musical community involvement

Deadline: October 15

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