Euker-Alpert Scholarship for Musical Instruction
Rockport Public Schools

The Brace Cove Foundation in Gloucester, MA is happy to present 5-10 scholarships in the amount of $500 each toward private music lessons this semester for students attending the Rockport Schools. The scholarships are intended to enable students with an interest in music to benefit from consistent 1-on-1 instruction.

Criteria:

• Financial Need
• Dedication to Practice
• Love of Music

Eligibility:

• Orchestral String students of any age are eligible to apply.
• Wind Instrument, guitar, and percussion students of a developmentally appropriate age are eligible to apply (usually starting around 4th grade).
• Piano/Keyboard students of any age are eligible to apply.
• 8-12 Grade Vocal students are eligible to apply

Selection Process:

A committee comprised of Rockport teachers will be formed to review applications and choose recipients of scholarship funds. Recipients will be spread between elementary, middle school, and high school. A slightly different application is required for different age ranges (see below).

Timeline:

The deadline for application letters is January 22, 2016 at 3 p.m. Recipients will be selected and notified by Friday January 29, 2016 at 5 p.m. Lessons can begin in February. The schedule for lessons will be set at the discretion of the private instructor and the scholarship recipient.
Payments:

Scholarships will be awarded in direct payments from the school to private teachers of the recipients’ choosing. Teachers currently employed by the Rockport Schools are ineligible for payment through this scholarship fund. The school will check in at the end of the semester with the instructors selected by recipients. Failure to attend lessons paid for through scholarship and/or failure to properly prepare for lessons paid for through scholarship money will limit recipients’ future eligibility for lesson scholarships.

Objectives:

Each student and instructor will together set a goal for the semester’s lessons. Such goals might include mastering a piece of music or a technical skill. At the end of the semester, each teacher will evaluate the students’ progress toward their goal.

Instructions for Elementary Scholarship Application:

1) All interested students should write a statement of interest answering the following question: **Why do you love music?** It should be around one paragraph (at least five sentences) and should be hand-written. Drawings are also welcome.
2) A parent of each interested student should fill out the form at the rear of this packet.
3) A parent of each interested student should write a letter of interest addressed to the Euker-Alpert Music Scholarship Committee. The letter should address (but isn’t limited to) the following questions:
   a. What role does music play in your child’s life?
   b. Why is your child deserving of this scholarship? (this is also an opportunity to demonstrate financial need)
   c. What are your child’s practice habits at home?
   d. How will you, as a parent, help to support your child’s practice at home?
   e. Does the student have access to an instrument outside of the school?
4) Letters and forms should be mailed to:
   Nathan Cohen
Instructions for Middle School Scholarship Application:

1) All interested students should write a letter of interest addressed to the Euker-Alpert Music Scholarship Committee. The letter should address (but isn’t limited to) the following questions:
   a) Why do you think you are deserving of this scholarship? (this is also an opportunity to demonstrate financial need)
   b) Why do you love music?
   c) What is music’s role in your life?
   d) What are your practice habits, and how will you make sure to maintain good practice habits for these lessons?
2) All interested students or a parent should fill out the form at the rear of this packet.
3) A parent of each interested student should write a letter of interest addressed to the Euker-Alpert Music Scholarship Committee. The letter should address (but isn’t limited to) the following questions:
   a. What role does music play in your child’s life?
   b. Why is your child deserving of this scholarship? (this is also an opportunity to demonstrate financial need)
   c. What are your child’s practice habits at home?
   d. How will you, as a parent, help to support your child’s practice at home?
4) Letters and forms should be mailed to:
   Nathan Cohen
   Rockport Middle/High School
   24 Jerdens Lane
   Rockport, MA 01966
   RE: Euker-Alpert Music Scholarship

Instructions for High School Scholarship Application:

1) All interested students should write a letter of interest addressed to the Euker-Alpert Music Scholarship Committee. The letter should address (but isn’t limited to) the following questions:
a. Why do you think you are deserving of this scholarship? (this is also an opportunity to demonstrate financial need)
b. Why do you love music?
c. What role does music play in your life?
d. What are your practice habits, and how will you make sure to maintain good practice habits for these lessons?

2) All interested students should fill out the form at the rear of this packet.

3) Letters and forms should be mailed to:
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**About Claire Euker-Alpert:**

Claire Euker-Alpert had a lifelong love of music. Her playing enriched her life and that of her family and friends. Claire passed away in May 2014, but memories of her music live on in all of us.
Information Form for Euker-Alpert Music Scholarship Application

Student Name:

Parent Name(s):

Contact Phone Number(s):

Student email Address (if applicable):

Parent email Address(es) (please specify which email address goes with which parent):

Instrument/Voice for which you are seeking lessons:

Do you have access to an instrument or will you need to rent/buy one:

If you do not have the instrument already, are you able to rent one or do you need assistance?

Have you already studied this instrument or is this a new endeavor?

Teacher you plan to take lessons with (if known):