Dear Rockport Schools Music Families,

Private lessons and dedicated practice is the fastest route to musical mastery. For the last several years, the music department has been building up capital in an account to start helping families pay for private lessons. There are many families in Rockport who are interested in enrolling in private lessons but, because of financial reasons, are unable. We are hoping to make private lessons with a master teacher the norm in Rockport, and accessible for all students.

There may not be enough money to help out all interested students this year. If you are interested in receiving financial assistance toward music lessons this school year, please follow the instructions below. Anyone interested in donating toward this fund can make checks payable to “Rockport Middle School Music” and put “SCHOLARSHIP” in the memo line.

Criteria:

• Financial Need
• Dedication to Practice
• Love of Music
• Commitment to the RPS Music Dept

Eligibility:

• Applicants must be Rockport Public Schools students
• 4-12 Grade Instrumentalists are eligible to apply
• 8-12 Grade Chorus students are eligible to apply

Selection Process:

A committee will be formed to review applications and choose recipients of scholarship funds. There will be equal funds available for elementary, middle, and high school scholarships ($150 available at each level for the
first year). A slightly different application is required for each level (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 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.

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 Margaret Pardee 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
Instructions for Middle School Scholarship Application:

1) All interested students should write a letter of interest addressed to the Margaret Pardee 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 Margaret Pardee 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: Margaret Pardee Scholarship

Instructions for High School Scholarship Application:

1) All interested students should write a letter of interest addressed to the Margaret Pardee 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 Margaret Pardee:

Margaret Pardee is a legendary violin teacher living in New York City. Born in 1920, many of her students have held posts in the world’s leading ensembles. She taught at Juilliard for over 60 years, as well as at the Meadowmount School. The scholarship fund was started by Mr. Cohen’s undergraduate violin teacher, Mary Horozaniecki. She is a long-time student of Margaret Pardee, and named the scholarship in Ms. Pardee’s honor.
Information Form for Margaret Pardee 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):