

BC Registered Music Teachers' Association – Vancouver/Burnaby Branch

2027 Bursary Guidelines

Objectives To assist the students of BCRMTA Vancouver/Burnaby Branch members who show potential in their music studies and who demonstrate a need for financial assistance.

Bursaries Approximately **\$3500** will be awarded according to the discretion of the Bursary Committee. Grade levels are based on the RCM system; teachers must make adjustments to apply RCM standards to alternative examination systems.

Junior	Levels 2 – 5	up to \$500
Intermediate	Levels 6 – 8	up to \$750
Senior*	Levels 9 – Diploma	up to \$1000

Deadline All submissions must be received by the **Bursary Convenor, Rosie Carver**, at Suite 611 - 4676 Yew Street. Vancouver BC V6L 2J6 or by email at rosie@violinrose.ca by **10:00 pm May 31, 2027**.

General Requirements for the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Categories

1. Applicants must be 19 years old or younger as of December 31, 2027, are Canadian citizens or landed immigrants, and must be residing in the Lower Mainland.
2. Applicants must have studied a minimum of 1 year (12 consecutive months) with a BCRMTA Vancouver/Burnaby Branch teacher in good standing, and they must have the intention to continue their music lessons with this same individual.
3. The BCRMTA Vancouver/Burnaby Branch teacher noted on the application must have been a member in good standing for a minimum of two years (24 consecutive months).
4. Applicants are to complete and submit the following documents before the noted deadline:
 - a) Bursary Application Form
 - b) Bursary Student Evaluation Form(s)
 - c) Supporting documents:
 - i. a budget of the student's proposed course of music study for the 2027-2028 school year using the template provided,
 - ii. a letter of reference from their current BCRMTA Vancouver/Burnaby Branch teacher(s)
 - iii. a letter of support from their parents or legal guardians,
 - iv. a copy of Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment (form T451E),
Please blackout your SIN; all information will remain confidential and will be destroyed or reclaimed once the application process is complete.
 - v. and additional information as noted below for the **Senior Category only**.
5. Bursaries are made payable to the teacher of the successful applicants and are neither transferable nor refundable.
6. Recipients of bursaries are:
 - a) Required to write a note of acknowledgement upon receiving the award, to be emailed or mailed to the current Bursary Chair (see address under "Deadline"),
 - b) Invited to share with the Bursary and Executive committees a video recording of their performance of a favourite piece; the link can be added to their note of acknowledgment.
7. Bursaries will not be awarded to the same individual two years in a row.

*Additional Requirements for the Senior Category ONLY

8. Applicants must indicate on the bursary application form their intention to pursue higher education in the field of music.
9. Applications must include a letter of reference from a qualified professional musician other than their current teacher(s).
10. Post-secondary school applicants must provide proof of registration from an accredited and recognized post-secondary music institution or music faculty before the bursary will be distributed.

**BC Registered Music Teachers' Association – Vancouver/Burnaby Branch
2027 Student Application Form**

Applicant _____ **Name of Parent/Guardian** _____

Address _____

Email _____

Telephone _____ Date of Birth _____

Name of Teacher _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Music Program

1st instrument _____ Number of years studied _____ Teacher* _____

2nd instrument (if applicable) _____ Number of years studied _____ Teacher* _____

Financial Information

Have you received financial assistance from this source before? _____

If yes, please indicate the year and the amount of bursary _____

Have you received financial support for this academic year from other sources? _____

If yes, give details _____

On a separate page, please give a brief summary of the following:

- i. your proposed course of study
- ii. your musical objectives
- iii. the situation causing the need for financial assistance

The above form was filled as accurately as possible by the applicant

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

*** If two instruments are noted, both teachers must submit evaluations in order for the information to be factored into a decision. Bursaries will be awarded according to the highest grade level studied with a BCRMTA.**

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2027 Bursary: Budget for 2027-2028 School Year

To be completed by and/or verified by the parent and BCRMTA teacher of the Bursary Applicant.

Primary Instrument

Lesson Fees for September to June: number of lessons _____ x fee per lesson _____ = _____

Secondary Instrument (if applicable)

Lesson Fees for September to June: number of lessons _____ x fee per lesson _____ = _____

Theory Classes

Lesson Fees for September to June: number of lessons _____ x fee per lesson _____ = _____

_____ _____ _____ = _____

Festival Participation

Festival/Instrument: _____ number of classes _____ x fee per class _____ = _____

Festival/Instrument: _____ number of classes _____ x fee per class _____ = _____

_____ _____ _____ = _____

Exam Participation

Subject/Session _____ fee per exam _____ = _____

Subject/Session _____ fee per exam _____ = _____

Total Costs _____ = _____

The above information is accurate to the best of our knowledge

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____

Signature of BCRMTA Teacher _____ Date _____

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2027 Bursary Student Evaluation Form
Primary Instrument

This form is to be completed by the teacher of the applicant's primary instrument and must be submitted together with the Bursary Application Form. One form for each instrument is required in order for the information to be factored into a decision, photocopies are acceptable. Bursaries will be awarded according to the highest grade level studied with a BCRMTA teacher.

Part I

Name of Applicant _____

Name of Teacher _____ Telephone _____

Teacher's address _____

How long have you been a member of the BCRMTA Vancouver/Burnaby Branch? _____

How long has the applicant been taking lessons with you? _____

Please state the grade level and examinations system currently studied _____

Part II

Evaluate the applicant, using a check mark, comparing him/her to others whom you have known under similar circumstances.

	<i>Average</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Exceptional</i>
<i>Musical potential</i>	•	•	•
<i>Dedication, diligence</i>	•	•	•
<i>Achievements</i>	•	•	•

Part III

Please submit an accompanying letter using the guidelines below to give a clear assessment of the applicant's overall music talent, ability, achievements, and financial needs.

- i. Note the student's musical qualities, aptitude and aspirations that makes him/her a deserving candidate for the BCRMTA bursary.
- ii. Provide specific details of the student's achievements in regards to examinations and festivals. List awards, if any.
- iii. State clearly your proposed study program for the student, and his/her specific goals.

The above information and the accompanying letter were prepared by the teacher of the applicant.

Signature of Teacher _____ Date _____

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2027 Bursary Student Evaluation Form
Secondary Instrument (if applicable)

This form is to be completed by the teacher of the applicant's secondary instrument (if applicable) and must be submitted together with the Bursary Application Form. One form for each instrument is required in order for the information to be factored into a decision, photocopies are acceptable. Bursaries will be awarded according to the highest grade level studied with a BCRMTA teacher.

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Name of Teacher _____ Telephone _____

Teacher's address _____

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How long has the applicant been taking lessons with you? _____

Please state the grade level and examinations system currently studied _____

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Signature of Teacher _____ Date _____