

Frederick Community College and the George L. Shields Foundation are pleased to offer annually Shields Music Scholarship Awards in the following categories:

Experience: Children with prior or current experience studying privately with a music instructor: (ages 6-18) Scholarships conferred on students who perform exceptionally on a live audition that includes a piece or excerpts of no more than five minutes in length that will best show the students abilities. Along with the student's statement and a teacher evaluation, judging criteria include technique, tone, intonation, expressiveness, and stage presence. Scholarships in this category cover the cost of 30-minute lessons during the Fall semester. Award renewals in the spring semester are determined by teacher recommendation. Winners electing to pursue 45-minute or hourlong courses of study may apply their awards toward tuition.

No Experience: Children who have no prior private musical instruction: (ages 6-14) Scholarships conferred on deserving students who have never taken private music lessons on any instrument or voice. Selections in this category will be based on the student statement and a public music teacher's evaluation. (If no public music teacher is available, you may submit a recommendation from any qualified coach or mentor.) No audition is required. Scholarships in this category cover the cost of 30-minute lessons during the fall semester. Award winners electing to pursue 45-minute or hour-long courses of study may apply their awards towards tuition. Scholarship renewals in the spring semester are determined by their FCC teacher recommendation.

Developing Skills: Children who have completed one year of musical instruction at FCC: (ages 6-15) Scholarships conferred on deserving students who have successfully completed the fall and spring semesters under the no experience category and who wish to extend their studies on the same instrument for an additional year at FCC. Selections in this category will be based on the student statement, a recommendation of their FCC music teacher and participation in a FCC solo recital or ensemble performance. Scholarships in this category cover the cost of 30-minute lessons during the fall semester. Award winners electing to pursue 45-minute or hour-long courses of study may apply their awards towards tuition. Scholarship renewals in the spring semester are determined by their FCC teacher recommendation.