Abridged Financial Aid Policies

Access is a core value of The Center for Irish Music. The CIM's financial aid program was created specifically for the purpose of assisting individuals and families with demonstrated economic need to participate in lessons, classes, and Minnesota Irish Music Weekend. The information below should help to answer most questions regarding the Center for Irish Music’s financial aid program. For additional information, please see the full policies document available at centerforirishmusic.org/students/financial-aid/ or contact the CIM office directly at 651-815-0083.

Eligibility
Any individual may apply for financial aid, though preference may be given to students under the age of 18. Applications must be legibly printed in ink or typewritten and must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. If multiple family members are applying for aid, an application must be filled out for each student.

Privacy
Every effort is made to protect the privacy of the individual/family applying for financial aid. Upon receiving applications, all personal information is removed and the application itself is given a code number as it is reviewed.

Application Process
All requests for tuition assistance require TWO pieces of information:

- A completed Request for Financial Aid Application form

And ONE of the following:

- Proof of eligibility for school lunch programs

  OR

- A copy of the applicant family’s most recent Form 1040 tax return

If you do not have some of these documents and would still like to apply for financial aid, please contact the CIM. Students who are awarded financial aid in the Fall Term must submit a new application each term, excluding the additional financial documents.

Non-Discriminatory Policy
The Center for Irish music does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, age, marital status, disability, veteran status, national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, financial aid policies and other school-administered programs, and admits all registered students to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available through the school.

A. Personal Information

Name of Student ____________________________________________ Date of Birth: ____________

Parent or Guardian Name(s) ______________________________________________________________

Street Address__________________________________________________________

City, State, Zipcode ___________________________________________________________

Phone________________________ Email: ________________________________
B. Registration Form

1. Group class/es excluding ensembles (please specify which):
   ____________________________________________________________

2. Ensemble: ___ Yes    ___ No
   Specify which ensemble, if known: ______________________________
   Principal instrument/s for ensemble: ____________________________

3. Private lessons:
   Instrument A: ________________________________________________
   Length of lesson:  30mins     45mins     60mins
   Frequency of lesson:  Every week    Every other week
   Instrument B: ________________________________________________
   Length of lesson:  30mins     45mins     60mins
   Frequency of lesson:  Every week    Every other week
   Any dates during the upcoming term when you will be unable to come to lessons (if none, please write "None"): ________________________________

4. Minnesota Irish Music Weekend (Summer Term only)
   Please specify which program: ___ Beginner    ___ Teen    ___ Adult
   If adult, indicate which workshops & lectures on an additional page.

Briefly tell us why you are studying at the Center for Irish Music and explain some of your musical goals and aspirations for the coming year.

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C. Income

Are there special circumstances that affect income as it is reflected in your proof of income? Please include student loans, familial support, child support, etc.

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Please list your annual household income here. Include all contributors: US$

Your Employer / Profession ________________________________

Spouses Employer / Profession ________________________________

Total Number of Dependents ________________________________

Note: If unemployed, please describe circumstances above. All information provided here is confidential and used only to process your application.

D. Agreement

I have read the Financial Aid Program and Policies and understand the commitment I am making by accepting a Center for Irish Music financial aid award.

Signature of Adult Student or Parent/Guardian (required): ________________________________

Date: ______________

Our financial aid philosophy: It is the desire of the Center for Irish Music to make arts instruction available to all students under 18 who want to learn. We ask students who receive aid to maintain 100% attendance at their lessons. This helps develop good practice habits and encourages a positive learning experience.

Have you attached the ORIGINAL signed request for financial aid application?

Yes □ No □

Have you attached a COPY of Proof of Eligibility for School Lunch Programs or your Federal 1040?

Yes □ No □

Applications can be sent via mail to:

Center for Irish Music
ATTN: Financial Aid
836 Prior Avenue North, Ste 400
Saint Paul MN 55104

They can also be put in the locked payment box outside the CIM office. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed until all pieces of information are submitted.