



## SUMMER 2014 • FINANCIAL AID PROCEDURE

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Birch Creek offers financial aid to assist musicians in furthering their artistic development. Award amounts vary and are based on three criteria: the financial need of the family, the artistic ability of the student, and Birch Creek's instrumentation needs. Full scholarships are rare, and at least some financial commitment is usually required of the family, e.g., partial tuition, transportation to and from Birch Creek, and miscellaneous student purchases.

Birch Creek's operating budget, which is the source of financial aid funds, is small and the aid requests we receive are numerous. It is not always possible for Birch Creek to meet the needs of every applicant. Applicants are encouraged to seek assistance from other sources within their community, such as their youth symphony or band parents' group.

Scholarship recipients are expected to perform a small amount of work study while at Birch Creek. Jobs may include library work, kitchen assistance, or general campus cleaning.

### **PROCEDURE - For Admissions:**

Review of applications for admissions begins follows:

•**Symphony** - February 1 •**Percussion & Steel Band** - March 1 •**Jazz** (both sessions) - March 1

Applications continue to be welcome after these dates and will be reviewed until positions are filled.

**A student must be accepted before his/her financial aid application will be considered.**

### **PROCEDURE – For All Financial Aid Applicants:**

1. Complete the **FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION**.
2. Attach a copy of your parents'/guardian's most recent **FEDERAL INCOME TAX FORM** 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ (without schedules).
3. Submit required audition as described below:

**SYMPHONY SESSION** The Audio Audition Recording (or live audition) you submit with your general application materials will also serve for your financial aid application. It should include all information requested for ALL APPLICANTS as well as SYMPHONY requirements on page 7 in the *Program Descriptions and Application Materials*.

**PERCUSSION & STEEL BAND SESSION** Students applying for scholarship assistance are required to submit a Video Audition Recording of the ensemble/class audition material as listed in Percussion requirements on page 7 in the *Program Descriptions and Application Materials* booklet. NOTE: The video will be reviewed for *scholarship* purposes only and will not affect *placements* in ensembles.

**JAZZ SESSION** Students applying for scholarship assistance are required to submit an Audio Audition Recording of the material as listed in Jazz requirements on page 8 in the *Program Descriptions and Application Materials* booklet. NOTE: The recording will be reviewed for *scholarship* purposes only and will not affect *placements* in ensembles.

*for faster processing*

**SUBMIT ONLINE:** [http://bit.ly/BC\\_Financial\\_Aid](http://bit.ly/BC_Financial_Aid)      **or MAIL:** Birch Creek Registrar      **or FAX:** Birch Creek Registrar  
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Eligibility for financial assistance is based solely on the applicant's personal qualifications without regard to gender, race, color, religion or national origin.



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*\*indicates required field*

Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

- Session(s) applying for:\*  Percussion & Steel Band June 15 – 28, 2014  Jazz I July 13 – 26, 2014  
 Symphony June 29 – July 12, 2014  Jazz II July 27 – Aug. 9, 2014

Amount of aid you are requesting\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *Please fill in a specific dollar amount.*

First name\* \_\_\_\_\_ Last name\* \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth\* \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 Address\* \_\_\_\_\_ City\* \_\_\_\_\_ State\* \_\_\_\_\_ Zip\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gender\*  Female  Male Home Phone\* (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Instruments: Primary\* \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary \_\_\_\_\_  
 High School Music Teacher: First name \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Private Instructor: First name \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

- How many years have you been playing your instrument(s)?\* \_\_\_\_\_
- How many years have you been studying privately?\* \_\_\_\_\_
- Give a brief statement of your educational and career objectives:\* *(Attach additional paper if necessary.)*  
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- List musical organizations in which you are currently active:\* *(Attach additional paper if necessary.)*  
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- List any notable music or academic achievements or awards:\* *(Attach additional paper if necessary.)*  
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- Do you earn income outside the home?\*  Yes  No
  - If yes, estimated amount earned this past summer and school year \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - If yes, also provide copies of your 2012 W-2 or your most recent 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ Federal Income Tax Form (without schedules). Submitted by\*  attached  email to [mainoffice@birchcreek.org](mailto:mainoffice@birchcreek.org)  mail  fax
- Have or will you receive any scholarships or grants to attend Birch Creek from another source?  Yes  No
  - If yes, please list the source \_\_\_\_\_ and amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Briefly explain any special circumstances (personal, financial, or educational) that affect your need for financial aid. *(Attach additional paper if necessary.)*  
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- Audition recording submitted by\*  digital upload (Birch Creek will email instructions)  mail  live audition

**10. To ensure fairness and consistency in evaluating applications, we require that you provide a copy of your parents'/guardians' most recent Federal Income Tax Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ (without schedules).**

Submitted by\*  attached  email to [mainoffice@birchcreek.org](mailto:mainoffice@birchcreek.org)  mail  fax

*All tax forms will be retained in our administrative office in confidence.*

**To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this application is complete and correct.**

Signature of person completing form \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of person(s) providing Income Tax Form \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please submit online or mail completed application, along with supporting materials, to the following:*

**Birch Creek Registrar • PO Box 230 • Egg Harbor, WI 54209-0230**