Under the Duke University String School (DUSS) Dorothy Kitchen Scholarship Fund, families may apply for scholarship assistance. Scholarships are offered for 75%, 50%, or 25% of tuition costs and may be applied to Ensemble/Group Classes, Chamber Music, and/or Private Lessons.

Scholarship awards are based on availability of funds in the scholarship program and approval by the DUSS Director based on one or more of the following criteria:

1. **Financial need**: a copy of the most recent year’s 1040 tax return is required.
2. **Parent involvement**: such as ensemble assistant, accompanist, concert coordinator, etc.
3. **Stephanie Swisher Ensemble Scholarship**: for participation on a second instrument (viola, cello, bass) in an additional ensemble. Scholarship covers 100% of second ensemble fee.

Scholarship Assistance is open to all registered students who provide a complete and accurate application with supporting documentation, meet the criteria, and have no outstanding fees.

*Students applying for scholarship for the first time are required ask for a recommendation from a teacher or other adult supervisor* (i.e. classroom teacher, choir conductor, after school program director, etc). The recommender should include information on the student's character, ability on their instrument, and family commitment. Recommendations should be sent directly from the writer to the DUSS Director.

Applications and any supporting documents must be received no later than Wednesday, August 21, 2019 and may be mailed or emailed to:

Duke University String School  
Attention: Erica Shirts, Director  
Box 90667  
Durham, NC 27708-0667  
eroica.shirts@duke.edu

Applicants will receive notification whether their scholarship request is granted or denied, usually within 1 week of the deadline. If a scholarship is awarded, the student will receive a Notice of Acceptance to sign. If a scholarship is not awarded, they will have an opportunity to submit a Notice of Appeal.

Any Notice of Acceptance must be signed by the applicant and returned to the Director within five (5) days, confirming:

1. Acceptance of the award and amount and
2. Family member’s agreement to help with Parent Volunteer Committee at concerts
3. The applicant’s commitment and obligation to pay the remaining balance due. (Note: When scholarships are awarded, the amount awarded will be applied to the fees, with the applicant responsible for paying the balance.)

Continuation of scholarship assistance each semester is dependent on attendance, normal progress, and expected behavior.
Duke University String School
Scholarship Assistance Application
Fall 2019 Semester – Spring 2020 Semester
Due August 21, 2019

Full Name of Student: ___________________________________________ Age: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): ____________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________

City: __________________ State: ______ Zip Code: ________________________

Phone: ___________________ Email Address: __________________________

Number of Years Participating in DUSS: _____ Do you have a Private lesson Teacher*? _____

Private Lesson Teacher’s Name: _____________________ Instrument ________________

Length of Lesson (30,45,60 mins)_________ Number of Children Participating in DUSS: _______

Number of Members in Household: _____Are you a Kidznotes Applicant (check one)? Yes ____ No ____

Indicate which type of scholarship is requested:


Please attach any additional information you feel should be considered. If this is the student’s first time applying, please include a recommendation. (Note: If this application is based on financial need, you must include a copy of your most recent 1040 tax return for us to consider the application. Please do not include additional Schedule forms -- just the 1040 form.)

I would like to be considered for:


Family member and contact information willing and able to volunteer at concerts:

Name______________________ Best Contact ________________________

Signature of family member willing and able to volunteer: __________________________

The information that I have provided is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge; and I will notify the DUSS Director in writing of any significant changes to the information submitted in or with this application.

Parent or Guardian Signature: __________________________________ Date: _____________

*Students applying for a scholarship for lessons will need to secure a lesson time with a teacher before an offer can be sent.