



Renaissance
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL SAIGON

Music Talent

Scholarships





General Information

At Renaissance International School, we believe in nurturing and developing the musical talents of our students. The Music Scholarship Awards are designed to recognise and support gifted individuals who demonstrate exceptional musical ability and passion. This document outlines the criteria, application process, and expectations for aspiring musicians seeking to enhance their education through our Music Talent Awards.

Music Talent Awards will be offered in the following categories:

- Piano and other percussion instruments,
- Vocals Singing,
- Strings (cello, violin, viola etc and including all forms of guitar: classical, acoustic, electric)
- Woodwind (flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, saxophone etc)
- Brass (trumpet, horn, trombone).

Eligibility

We recognize that musical talent can exist in students of any age. The school, however, will prioritise students in Years 7 to 11, if they feel they are worthy recipients of an award and fulfil the entry criteria in the following pages.

Process of Music Talent Scholarship Application

Applicants will be required to submit visual material and documentation to the Scholarship Committee to support their application.



Guidelines for Submitting Visual Material

Applicants will need to submit two videos:

- Each piece should showcase a different style, or genre, of music. This means you should select pieces that contrast in elements such as tempo, mood, or instrumentation. For example:
 - ▶ **Slower Piece:** Choose a lyrical, expressive piece that highlights your ability to convey emotion. This could be a ballad, a slow classical movement, or a soft jazz standard.
 - ▶ **Faster Piece:** Select an energetic, vibrant piece that demonstrates technical skill and precision. This could include a lively classical sonata, an upbeat pop song, or a faster-paced jazz number.
 - ▶ **Genre Variety:** Aim to include pieces from different musical genres. For example, one piece could be a classical solo, while the other could be a contemporary pop song, a jazz standard, or a traditional folk tune. This variety will help showcase your adaptability and breadth as a musician.

Requirements for visual submissions:

- Each piece should be performed in its entirety;
- Ensure the video is clear and audible, showcasing technique and musicality;
- Introduce yourself at the beginning of the video, stating your name, instrument, and the titles/composers of the pieces performed;
- Record in a quiet space with good lighting. Each piece should be between 2 to 5 minutes long.



Guidelines for Submitting Written Documents

- An online applicant form and checklist
- A letter of application written by the applicant, detailing:
 1. Why you are applying for a Music Talent Scholarship at Renaissance International School Saigon.
 2. A self-evaluation of your strengths (approximately 300 words).
 3. What you will contribute to the school's musical program.
- Written references:
 1. Written reference from your current school (Headteacher or teacher) attesting to:
 - a) Academic ability within the school curriculum.
 - b) Involvement in school life.
 - c) Ability to work independently, with evidence of self-initiated projects.
 2. Written reference from current music tutor detailing enthusiasm and passion for the instrument(s) beyond the norm.
 3. Letter from parents, outlining how they will support the applicant, if awarded the scholarship.
- Any supporting documentation (e.g., certificates of achievement, evidence of participation in musical competitions). Grade examinations such as ABRSM or an equivalent will be considered.

Videos and written documents for the Music Talent Scholarship must be submitted through the Music Talent Scholarship Application Form (linked below). All required materials must be received by the Scholarship Committee by the submission deadlines in November and March, as outlined in the next page.

Formsite allows you to save your progress and return to complete your submission later. To use this feature, please create an account before starting the application. Simply click the "Log In" button and select "New User" to create an account.

Scan to access Music Talent Scholarship Application Form on Formsite or [click here](#).



Scholarship *Days*

Renaissance International School Saigon will run **two** Music Scholarship selection events during this Academic Year, as detailed below:

Candidates will be invited to the school to:

1. Perform in our Theatre a chosen piece that is different from the candidate's 2 video submissions.

Performance Piece Requirement: The live performance piece should be at least Grade 4 level. The attached [Music Difficulty Levels Booklet](#) provides applicants unfamiliar with ABRSM or similar institutions with a more detailed comparative understanding of grades levels.

2. Be interviewed by relevant Scholarship Committee members. The interview will include an Assessment of areas including but not restricted to, the candidate's musical ability, musicianship, passion for music, both personal and public.

Candidates must arrive at the school 15 minutes before their allotted time. Failure to do so may impact other applicants and lead to delays that will influence the decision of the Scholarship Committee.

Selection Event 1:

Submission Date for Visual Material and Written Documents: **Monday 10th February, 2025**
Assessment Dates: **Saturday 15th February, 2025**
and **Sunday 16th February, 2025**

	Saturday 15th February, 2025	Sunday 16th February, 2025
Morning	STRINGS	PIANO/ PERCUSSION
Afternoon	VOCALS	BRASS/ WOODWIND

Candidates will receive by email confirmation of their allotted schedule for performance and interview. It will take no more than 30 minutes.

Selection Event 2:

Submission Date for Visual Material and Written Documents: **Monday 24th March, 2025**
Assessment Dates: **Saturday 29th March, 2025**
and **Sunday 30th March, 2025**

	Saturday 29th March, 2025	Sunday 30th March, 2025
Morning	STRINGS	PIANO/ PERCUSSION
Afternoon	VOCALS	BRASS/ WOODWIND

Candidates will receive by email confirmation of their allotted schedule for performance and interview. It will take no more than 30 minutes.

Terms of the Award

- Scholarship Awards will provide discretionary fee remission up to 80% of school fees;
- An award will normally be held for the full duration of a student's time at Renaissance International School Saigon, subject to fulfilling Expectations of Successful Candidates in the following page;
- Scholarships will only be awarded if candidates of sufficient merit present themselves;
- All successful applicants for the Music Talent Scholarship will be recognised as a 'Renaissance Music Scholar';
- However, the successful applicant may not be in receipt of more than one financial benefit from Khai Sang Corporation's fee remission scheme(s). In situations where the value of the Music Talent Scholarship is greater than the value of a pre-existing fee remission, then the higher value will prevail;
- The Scholarship Award will be terminated if the student leaves the school, and will forfeit the right to that scholarship, even if seeking re-enrolment in the school.



Expectations of Music Scholars

Academic standards of entry to the school, as detailed in the school's published Admissions Policy, must be met at the point of entry, and maintained through strong academic performance thereafter.

Music Scholars, once enrolled in the school, are expected to:

- ▶ show exemplary behaviour and follow all school rules and policies;
- ▶ maintain academic standards as detailed in the school's Admissions Policy;
- ▶ perform regularly at school events, either inside or outside of school;
- ▶ undertake the role of subject ambassador, promoting music as both a performance art and as an academic subject;
- ▶ select IGCSE and IB Diploma Music courses, at the appropriate time.

Further Information

Assistance with understanding and meeting the administrative requirements of the application process, as well as requests for further information regarding the scholarships can be obtained by contacting scholarships@renaissance.edu.vn.

Decision *Making*

The Scholarship Committee will review applications/submissions, short-list candidates, conduct interviews and assessments in a rigorous and transparent process. The decision of the Committee in awarding Scholarships is final and may not be appealed.



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