

Application Checklist & Guidelines

Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicant must be of Indian Nationality.
2. Applicant should be a minimum of 16 years of age.
3. Applicant must demonstrate musical talent & excellence in the field they are seeking a scholarship in.
4. Applicant must be committed to their musical progression & keen on pursuing a career in the field of music.
5. We will only consider an applicant from an economically disadvantaged background having a total or combined annual family income of less than Rs. 12 lakhs only.

Application Checklist

Ensure the following documents are uploaded with your application:

1. Educational Background

Attested mark sheet/certificate of the current/last Institute attended.

2. Financial Details

Please upload the following documents for ALL earning family members

- a. Aadhar Card (applicant's only)
- b. PAN Card
- c. Last 3 Years' Bank Statements (all bank accounts)
- d. Last 3 Months' Salary Slips
- e. Last 3 Years' Income Tax Return
- f. Income Tax Return Non-Filing Declaration (mandatory if Income Tax Return statements are not submitted)
- g. BPL (Below Poverty Line) Card

3. Music Background

- a. Music Course Certificates/Marksheets
- b. Music Portfolio Video (for format refer to '[Video Requirement Checklist](#)')

4. Scholarship Details

- a. Letter of Acceptance/Admission from the Academy/University.
- b. Letter from the Academy/University stating course fee structure & payment details with corresponding payment timelines.
- c. Letter of Verification of Enrolment in the respective Academy/University.

5. Audition Video link (for format refer to '[Video Requirement Checklist](#)')



6. Statement of Purpose

a. Written Essay (not more than 500 words)

OR

b. Video Essay (not more than 90 seconds)

7. Referral (optional)

Letter/s of recommendation from your music mentor/s or someone you have worked or collaborated with, who can speak in depth about your musical strengths and skills.

Video Requirement Checklist

- All videos are to be uploaded on YouTube.
- Secure a link for your video file and share it with us.
- Whilst uploading your video, please ensure that the 'Visibility' tab is set to 'Unlisted'.

1. Music Portfolio

Your music portfolio should be a summary of all your accomplishments in music (Including but not limited to: performances, original compositions, participation in bands/orchestras/choirs/cyphers, and other noteworthy collaborations).

2. Audition Video

- Start the video by introducing yourself (your full name, your area of specialisation & the scholarship you are seeking).
- The audition videos must be done in a single, continuous, unedited take.
- Your face and musical instrument (if applicable) must always be visible in the video.
- Video Duration:
 - Minimum: 1 Minute
 - Maximum: 2 Minutes

3. Statement of Purpose - Video Essay

Talk about your passion for music, your career goals and how this scholarship will help you achieve them. Additionally, mention any awards, competitions, or recognition received in music.

Scholarship Selection Process

Round 1 - Internal Review & Verification

- After an internal review and verification of the application forms, only shortlisted applicants will be notified via email that they have been selected for Round 2.

Round 2 - Personal Interview

- Shortlisted applicants will be invited for a personal (in person/online) interview, which will include a spot audition/skill test.
- Applicants who pass Round 2, will be considered for a music scholarship.

Notification Of Selection

- The final list of candidates who have been awarded the scholarship will be notified via email only.
- Please confirm your acceptance within 15 days of receiving the scholarship confirmation email.
- Failure to respond within 15 days will result in the lapse of your scholarship.

Scholarship Guidelines

If you have been selected for a BookAChange Music Scholarship, the below-mentioned requirements need to be fulfilled to receive the final scholarship amount.

- The scholarship will be awarded only for the tuition fee of the course in the concerned Academy/University within India.
- The scholarship will **ONLY** be confirmed once the below documents from the Academy/University are submitted, duly stamped & signed by the designated authority on their respective letterhead:
 1. Letter of Acceptance/Admission from the Academy/University.
 2. Letter from the Academy/University stating course fee structure, account payment details, and corresponding payment timelines.
- Once we receive the above mentioned letters, the student will be required to sign a BookAChange Music Scholarship Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
- After the MOU has been signed, BookAChange will release payment to the Academy/University directly.
- Once the Academy/University has duly received the fees, the student will be required to submit:
 - Letter of Verification of Enrolment from the respective Academy/University.
- Any additional financial support towards fees for boarding & lodging, will have to be made as a special request, which is subject to consideration.
 - An appeal letter stating the amount required for boarding & lodging will need to be submitted.
 - All related proof of expenditure for boarding & lodging will be required to be submitted along with the appeal letter.

Renewal of Scholarship (2nd, 3rd & Consecutive years)

Students who have received a BookAChange Scholarship for the first year of their course and require a scholarship for the successive years must reapply for the same. Details for scholarship reapplication are as under:

- The student will need to submit their marksheet of the previous year's music academic performance to avail scholarship for the following year.



- The student will have to submit a Referral Letter from a professor/mentor within the course, clearly stating the student's merit and performance details.
- If the student has not met the required criteria to be promoted to the next year, BookAChange holds the right to withdraw/not renew the scholarship for the upcoming year/s.

Scholarship Fund Disbursement Process

Payment Details

- The student will be liable to pay 10% of the tuition fee to the Academy/University at the beginning of the course. BookAChange will reimburse this amount to the student upon successful completion of the course.
- BookAChange will pay the balance 90% as per the payment schedule set by the Academy/University.
- BookAChange will make the fee payment directly to the Academy/University's bank account.
- In the event a student does not complete the course/drops out at any juncture:
 - The student will be liable to reimburse BookAChange the full scholarship amount disbursed/paid to the Academy/University.
 - The 10% of the tuition fee that the student has paid at the beginning of the course to the Academy/University will not be reimbursed by BookAChange.

Disclaimer

1. No queries or requests will be entertained via phone calls.
2. Forms which are not duly completed, will not be reviewed & considered.
3. If any information provided in the form is found to be false or inaccurate, the application will be deemed invalid.
4. A duly filled & submitted form does not guarantee confirmation of the scholarship.
5. Applicants who have not been shortlisted or secured a scholarship will not receive any intimation.
6. Scholarships will be awarded to deserving candidates at the sole discretion of BookAChange.
7. BookAChange reserves the right to modify the scholarship process at its discretion, without incurring any liability
8. By submitting images/audio-video content to BookMyShow Foundation (BookAChange), you hereby grant consent to BookMyShow Foundation (BookAChange) to own rights to all images/audio-video content which can be used for the purposes of advancing the scholarship program.