McNally Smith College of Music awards over $1 million in scholarships and grants each year to incoming and returning students. Depending on the type of scholarship, students may receive a tuition discount of 20% - 60%.

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| **Conclave Music Business Scholarship** | | | | |
| Presented in partnership with The Conclave, this scholarship is presented to one outstanding McNally Smith Business student each academic year, and includes tuition and a stipend to attend the Conclave Learning Conference in July. | 30% - 60% Tuition Discount (Room and board, books, and course materials are not included) | • Exceptional musical, creative or technical excellence • Ambition and commitment toward achieving excellence • High academic achievement | Up to 8 semesters | Complete the Conclave Scholarship application online by February 1. Click [HERE](#) for the Premier Scholarship’s application requirements. Essay questions for all scholarships are listed on the back of this page. |

| **Academic Achievement Scholarships for Returning Students** | | | | |
| **Diamond Awards** | $3,000 tuition discount | Top 10 highest cumulative GPAs | Awarded over two semesters, with no renewal | No application needed. Based solely upon cumulative GPA. |
| **Platinum Awards** | $2,000 tuition discount | 11th - 20th highest cumulative GPAs | Awarded over two semesters, with no renewal | No application needed. Based solely upon cumulative GPA. |
| **Gold Awards** | $1,000 tuition discount | 21st - 30th highest cumulative GPAs | Awarded over two semesters, with no renewal | No application needed. Based solely upon cumulative GPA. |

For more info on scholarships, go to: [www.mcnamlysmith.edu/financing-your-education](http://www.mcnamlysmith.edu/financing-your-education)
General Scholarship Guidelines

Students must be provisionally accepted into a program at McNally Smith and must complete any scholarship applications by **FEBRUARY 1**. Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail. Scholarships are announced on McNally Smith’s website by **MAY 1**.

**Selection Criteria**
Scholarships are generally awarded to students who:

- Demonstrate exceptional musical, creative or technical excellence (through audition, submitted demos, work samples, or other application requirements)
- Demonstrate ambition and commitment toward achieving excellence (through references, application essay, or record of extracurricular activities and accomplishments)
- Demonstrate high academic standards (reflected in grade transcripts, SAT/ACT scores, or other measures of academic success)

**General Scholarship Details:**

- Scholarship amounts are based upon full-time attendance and will be adjusted for students who attend less than full-time.
- Premier Scholarship recipients are expected to represent McNally Smith College of Music by promoting music education at public, campus, or outreach events, to perform in specific ensembles, and to act as role models for other students.

The following questions are asked in the scholarship application. To make your application process go more smoothly, it is a good idea to consider your response to these questions before you begin the online application.

**Scholarship Application Essay Questions**

1. Describe your experience, training, and record of achievement; e.g. recording, performance, musician, business, etc. (include awards, private instruction, etc.).
2. What has been your most rewarding experience (in music or otherwise)?
3. What are your career goals?
4. Why do you want to pursue a career in the music and/or audio industries?
5. Please list your extracurricular activities in High School and/or College.
6. Please list any activities you participate in and your roles and responsibilities.
7. Include present and previous employment as it relates to music.
8. Please include a name, email and daytime phone number for two references.
9. Music Business Scholarship Applicants ONLY: Please write about any leadership positions you have held, in music or other areas.
10. Music Studies/Bachelor of Arts in Music Scholarship Applicants ONLY: Why are you interested in pursuing a degree in liberal arts? How does this relate to your career goals?