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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| Merit-based Premier Scholarships | 20% - 60% Tuition Discount | Students who show:  
- Exceptional musical, creative or technical excellence  
- Ambition and commitment toward achieving excellence  
- High academic achievement | Up to 8 semesters | Complete the Premier Scholarship application online and submit by February 1. Click [HERE](#) for Scholarship's application requirements. Essay questions for all scholarships are listed on the back of this page. |

**Graduate Employment**

- **Graduate Employment**  
  $12/hr starting.  
  Open to all graduate students depending on work history and skill sets.  
  Complete the [Online Application](#). Applicants will be considered for interview.

For more info on scholarships, go to: [www.mcnallysmith.edu/financing-your-education](http://www.mcnallysmith.edu/financing-your-education)
Scholarships For Masters Degree Students

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 industry?
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.