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Bloomingdale School of Music is deeply thankful for its supporters, who help us in fulfilling our mission of providing open access to a high quality music education for everyone. Our dedicated supporters ensure that the cost of a year of Project Bridge ($2,500) and the cost of a year of Music Access Project ($6,500) are provided in scholarships to students with need. Bloomingdale School of Music gratefully acknowledges the Pinkerton Foundation, the Edwin Caplin Foundation, the New York State Council on the Arts, the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, the Jarvis and Constance Doctorow Family Foundation, Con-Edison Arts and Culture Grants, Columbia Community Service, the Lotos Foundation, the D’Addario Foundation, the ACMP Foundation, and the Ella Fitzgerald Charitable Foundation for their continued support of BSM’s Project Bridge, and Music Access Project, and financial aid programs. Scholarships and financial aid for our students are also supported by generous individuals through our “Support a Student” program.

Application and Audition Timeline

**May 15 | Applications Due**
All students who complete the application and meet the age requirement will be invited to audition.

**End of May | Auditions**
Applicants will be scheduled for an audition at Bloomingdale School of Music.

**Project Bridge candidates** should prepare two contrasting pieces and one major scale.

**MAP candidates** should prepare two contrasting pieces and will be asked to sight-read music.

**Early June | Interviews with Finalists**
Finalists will be selected, and an interview with a parent or guardian will be scheduled.

**June | Acceptance Letters Sent**

**September | MAP & Project Bridge Programs Begin**

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What is Project Bridge?
Project Bridge is a full scholarship program for private lessons for talented middle and high school students who would otherwise have difficulty affording music lessons. Project Bridge is designed to enhance band and orchestra programs in NYC and recruits students who currently participate in their school band or orchestra.

Project Bridge Provides:
• Weekly 45-minute private lessons with a Bloomingdale teaching artist
• Solo and ensemble performance opportunities
• Program Director who serves as mentor and guide for all students in the program

Eligibility Requirements
• At least one school year of experience on an orchestral instrument in school ensemble
• Must be in 7th-10th grade at the time of audition
• Must participate in school band or orchestra program throughout the year
• Demonstrated financial need through completed financial aid application form

Tuition
Project Bridge is a full scholarship program, free of charge to those accepted. The value of a PB scholarship is $2500/student/year.

What is the Music Access Project (MAP)?
MAP is a three-year pre-college scholarship program with a mission to prepare talented and deserving students, regardless of financial background, for acceptance into a college/university or conservatory. MAP is an intensive program that meets primarily after school and serves 15 to 20 students annually.

MAP Provides:
• 60-minute private lessons with a Bloomingdale teaching artist
• Chamber music coachings and performances
• Theory and ear training classes
• Collaborative chamber orchestral experience with faculty
• Jazz ensemble opportunities
• Workshops and master classes
• Extensive performance opportunities at Bloomingdale and in the community
• Program mentor for college and audition planning
• Both Jazz and Classical curricula
• Work opportunities
• Program Director who serves as mentor and guide to all students in the program

Eligibility Requirements
• At least three years of experience on an orchestral or band instrument
• Must be in 7th-10th grade at the time of audition
• Demonstrates achievement on instrument
• Seeks a more intensive music education program to propel them toward college training

Tuition
The MAP program is free of charge to families that demonstrate financial need. Everyone accepted receives some amount of Merit Scholarship. Additionally, significant financial aid (up to a full scholarship) is available. The value of a full MAP scholarship is $6500/student/year.

I am truly grateful for how much MAP taught me, from musicality and technique to time management. This school has practically become my second home. From juries to competitions, each teachers’ feedback was unique, which was a great way to learn.

Mei Yolles, Queens Macaulay Honors College, City College of NY MAP class of 2018