

Illinois Wesleyan University
Preparatory Program

Application for David and Kay Williams Woodwind Scholarships

The Preparatory Program at Illinois Wesleyan University is offering a limited number of full-tuition scholarships for weekly private lessons during the 2026-27 school year. Flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, and French horn players in the Bloomington-Normal area, grades 4-12, are eligible. Recipients will be selected by musical potential and financial need.

Scholarship recipients are expected to attend lessons held weekly at Illinois Wesleyan University and perform twice a year in Prep Program recitals. Students must practice and be prepared for every lesson.

Scholarship applications can be downloaded from www.iwu.edu/music/k12/prep.html or can be sent to you by e-mail or mail. Contact Lisa Nelson at lnelson@iwu.edu or (309) 556-3547.

Please return completed applications by August 20 via e-mail (lnelson@iwu.edu) or by mail to the following address:

IWU Preparatory Program
Attn: Lisa Nelson
P.O. Box 2900
Bloomington, IL 61702-2900

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Applicant's name: _____
First Last

Birthdate: ____/____/____
Month Day Year

Current school (fall 2026): _____ Grade _____

Address:

Street

City State Zip

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Musical information:

Please circle the instrument you are applying for:

Flute Clarinet Oboe Bassoon French horn

Previous music instruction and experience (attach another sheet if necessary):

Family information:

Parent #1 first name Last

Parent #2 first name Last

Total number of household members (including applicant): _____

Names and ages of other household members: _____

Financial information:

1st parent occupation & workplace: _____

2nd parent occupation & workplace: _____

Total annual household income before taxes: _____

Unusual expenses (medical, disaster, or catastrophic expenses), please specify amount
and attach sheet if more space is needed: _____

I am able to transport my child to lessons and provide (rent, buy, or borrow) an
instrument for my child's use.

I will provide a supportive environment to help my child succeed to the best of his/her
ability.

The information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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New applicants, please answer the following questions in the space below:

What does music mean to you?

What are your future musical goals, and how can this scholarship help you achieve them?

Renewing applicants, please answer the following question:

How is this scholarship helping you achieve your musical goals?

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References (for new applicants only)

Please ask a music teacher and another knowledgeable adult (not a relative) to provide letters of reference. Letters should include assessments of the applicant's musical potential, motivation, and character. The references need to be received by August 20 and may be sent via e-mail to lnelson@iwu.edu or by mail to:

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Name of reference #1: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail: _____

Name of reference #2: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail: _____

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