□□Da Capo Inventory Scholarship Program

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Supporting the Next Generation of Musicians

Da Capo Web Development LLC is proud to introduce the Da Capo Inventory Scholarship Program — an annual initiative designed to support student musicians in **school districts actively using the Da Capo Inventory platform** with at least **five or more active accounts**.

Through this program, Da Capo Inventory awards **$5,000 annually** to deserving students who demonstrate commitment, passion, and growth in music education.

The Da Capo Scholarship Program is a **company-wide opportunity**. All applications are reviewed and considered together, regardless of district. This means that scholarships are **not awarded per district**, but are selected from among **all eligible nominees across Da Capo Inventory schools**.

Scholarship Opportunities

The program offers **two distinct scholarship pathways**, recognizing students at different stages of their musical journey.

Summer Study / Private Lesson Scholarships / Musical Opportunity

$500 Awards

- **Number of awards:** 6 per year
- **Award amount:** $500 each
- **Eligible grades:** 6–11

These scholarships are intended to support **summer music study** or **Private Lessons**, including:

- Private lessons

- Music camps
- Instructional programs
- Other approved music-related educational opportunities (ie. instrument purchase)

College-Bound Music Scholarships

$1,000 Awards

- **Number of awards:** 2 per year
- **Award amount:** $1,000 each
- **Eligible students:** High school seniors

These scholarships support students who plan to **pursue music as a major or significant area of study in college**.

District Eligibility Requirement

To ensure the scholarship supports active Da Capo Inventory communities:

> **Students must attend a school district subscribing to Da Capo Inventory with a minimum of 5 active teacher accounts.**

Eligibility is verified internally through the Da Capo Inventory system and will be confirmed with the school district leadership prior to confirming the award.

Scholarship Timeline

Milestone	Date
Nominations Open	January 5, 2026
Teacher Nomination Deadline	February 15, 2026, 11:59 PM Eastern Time
Student Application Deadline	March 1, 2026, 11:59 PM Eastern Time

Milestone	Date
Award Decisions & Notifications	~April 15, 2026

All deadlines close at **11:59 PM Eastern Time** on the listed dates.

Teacher Nomination Guidelines

- Each **music teacher may nominate up to 3 students total** per scholarship cycle.
- Nominations are submitted through the **Da Capo Inventory Teacher Dashboard**.
- Nominations cannot be deleted after they have been created.
- Teachers may wish to follow up directly with the parent or student to ensure they received the invitation link. If the email address was misspelled, teachers can forward their copy of the invitation email directly to the parent.
- Teachers play a vital role in identifying students who demonstrate musical commitment, growth, and character.

Student Application Requirements

All nominated students must complete a full online application. Applications are not considered complete until **all required components** are submitted.

Required Components

1. **Student Essay**
2. **Completed Online Application**
3. **Teacher Letter of Recommendation**

Optional Supporting Materials

Applicants are encouraged (but not required) to upload:

- A musical résumé
- Repertoire lists

- Certificates, programs, or other supporting documentation

Essay Requirements

Applicants must submit a personal essay responding to **one** of the provided prompts. Essays should be authentic, reflective, and written in the student's own voice.

Use of AI or writing assistants is strictly forbidden.

Grades 7–11 (and all 12th grade College-Bound Applicants)

- **Length:** Approximately **300–500 words**
- **Choose ONE prompt:**
  - Why is music important in your life, and how has it shaped who you are today?
  - Describe a moment in your music education that changed how you view yourself as a musician.
  - Tell us about a piece of music that made a lasting impact on you and why.
  - What has been the most meaningful rehearsal, lesson, or performance you've participated in?
  - Describe a teacher who had a profound impact on your musical journey — what made them special, and how did they influence your growth?

Grade 6 Applicants (Summer Study / Private Lesson Only)

- **Length:** Approximately **200–350 words**
- Choose ONE prompt:
  - What do you enjoy most about making music, and why?
  - Why is music important in your life, and how has it shaped who you are today?
  - Share a moment when playing or listening to music made you feel happy or proud.
- Focus is placed on **effort, honesty, and musical enthusiasm**, not writing perfection.

Use of Scholarship Funds

- Scholarship funds **must be used for educational music-related expenses only**.

- Approved uses include tuition, lessons, instructional programs, music camps, required materials, and related costs.
- **Checks will be mailed directly to the scholarship recipient**.

Recipients and families are responsible for using funds appropriately in accordance with the scholarship guidelines.

Tax Information for Scholarship Recipients

Scholarship funds awarded through the Da Capo Inventory Scholarship Program are **strictly limited to qualified, music-related educational expenses**, as outlined above.

Any use of scholarship funds for **non-educational purposes** — including (but not limited to) room and board, travel, personal expenses, or supplies not required for instruction — **is not permitted** under the terms of this scholarship.

If scholarship funds are misused for non-qualified expenses, that portion of the award **may be considered taxable income** by the IRS and must be reported on the recipient's individual tax return. Responsibility for any resulting tax obligations rests solely with the recipient.

Recipients are strongly encouraged to consult IRS Publication 970 and their personal tax advisor to understand their specific tax situation.

Selection & Review Process

After the application deadline:

- All submissions are finalized and reviewed by the scholarship committee.
- Applications are evaluated based on:
  - Musical involvement and commitment
  - Quality and authenticity of the essay
  - Teacher recommendation
  - Supporting documentation

- Overall growth and dedication to music education

Public Recognition

Scholarship recipients may be recognized publicly by Da Capo Inventory (e.g., website, announcements, promotional materials).
Any use of student names or identifiable information will only occur with explicit parent or guardian permission.

Our Mission

The Da Capo Inventory Scholarship Program exists to:

- Encourage continued participation in music education
- Support students at critical stages of their development
- Give back to the educators and districts that partner with Da Capo Inventory
- Celebrate the impact of music in students’ lives

We are honored to support young musicians and the teachers who inspire them.