



2024 TONY G RISING STAR AWARD CRITERIA FOR EAGLE COUNTY STUDENTS GRADES 4-8

4th & 5th GRADE STUDENTS

In honor of the late Tony Gulizia, five 4th or 5th-grade students will each be awarded up to \$500 to support their musical ambitions. The award can be used to purchase a musical instrument of their choice at Glenwood Music, 3102 Blake Ave. Unit D, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601, phone 970.928.8628. Applications are open from February 1, 2024 - March 1, 2024.

Criteria for Application:

- The nominated student demonstrates musical interest above and beyond peers.
- The nominating teacher clearly defines the applicant's life, interests, and personality related to musical arts.
- The nominating teacher explained how the scholarship would support the applicant's musical path.
- The nominated student is in 4th or 5th grade and has attended at least one session of VJGTS.
- Students must have approval from their guardians to participate in the program.

Nominations:

- A school teacher must submit nominations.



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6th, 7th, & 8th GRADE STUDENTS

In honor of the late Tony Gulizia, four 6th, 7th, or 8th-grade students will each be awarded up to \$1,500 to support their musical ambitions. The award can be used for private instruction, band camps, and/or instrumental equipment. The winner can have a \$1,500 credit at Glenwood Music, 3102 Blake Ave. Unit D, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601, phone 970.928.8628, or submit a receipt to Vail Jazz for an approved musical expense for reimbursement. Applications are open from March 1, 2024 - March 29, 2024.

Criteria for Application:

- Students must be full-time residents of Eagle County.
- Must be a full-time student enrolled in grades 6, 7, or 8 or home-schooled in compliance with appropriate local law during the school year completed in 2024.
- Students must have approval from their guardians to participate in the program.
- The nominated student demonstrates musical interest above and beyond peers.
- The nominator clearly defines the applicant's life, interests, and personality related to musical arts and that the applicant has a good work ethic.
- The nominator explained how the scholarship would support the applicant's musical path.
- The nominator described a personal quality that will help the applicant reach their goal and shows that the applicant is committed to achieving goals.

Nominations:

Nominations must be submitted from a school teacher or private music instructor.



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6th, 7th, & 8th GRADE STUDENTS Continued

To Apply:

Student Essay: *must be completed for consideration*

- The essay should be at most 500 words.
- Statement about your plans to continue music study
- Your eventual goal is a career in music
- The route you hope to take to reach your goal
- Who or what has motivated or inspired you
- Honors, awards, and other distinctions

Applicants are selected for the Tony G Rising Star Award based on the above criteria. Selections will be made in a non-discriminatory manner with no consideration given to race, creed, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability, veteran status, marital status, sexual orientation, or other protected categories, in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws.