

Laetitia-Cyr Scholarships

Every two years, Jeunesses Musicales New Brunswick (JMNB), through the Laetitia-Cyr Fund, offers scholarships to young musicians from New Brunswick who wish to pursue advanced training in classical music. These scholarships provide funding for professional development outside of university, college and high school programs. The deadline to apply for a Laetitia-Cyr Scholarship is **April 15, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. Atlantic time**. There is no fee to apply.

About the Laetitia-Cyr Fund

Created in 2000, the Laetitia-Cyr Fund is designed to help young emerging artists in New Brunswick's classical music sector, as well as to support JMNB's activities to promote classical music, particularly among youth.

Eligible Activities for Laetitia-Cyr Scholarships

Requirements:

- The activity for which the applicant is seeking financial support must be held between April 16, 2025, and April 15, 2026.
- The candidate's participation in this activity must be confirmed. The awarding of a scholarship is conditional on the presentation of proof of participation in the activity.

The types of eligible activities include:

- Masterclasses
- Music camps or workshops
- National or international competitions
- Music-related projects (e.g., artist residency, participation in a concert as a guest artist, participation in a roundtable at a conference, etc.)

The types of activities that are not eligible include:

- Development of projects (e.g., creation of a musical work, concert or event planning, etc.)
- Post-secondary or secondary education (e.g., tuition, school supplies, etc.)

Applicants eligible for a Laetitia-Cyr Scholarship

- Emerging musicians, including classical instrumentalists, classical singers and composers.
- Must be registered in an advanced classical music program at the secondary or post-secondary level
- Must be a resident of New Brunswick
- Must be under 30 years of age as of April 15, 2025

Timeline

Application period: February 8 to April 15, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. Atlantic time
Announcement of the results: May 15, 2025



Scholarship Amount

The Laetitia-Cyr Scholarships may award up to a **maximum of \$1,500 per individual, with some exceptions**. Note that the amount awarded to winners may be less than what was requested, depending on the funds available.

Submission Material

1. The completed online registration form;
2. A copy of your Medicare card attesting that you are a resident of New Brunswick, in PDF or JPEG format;
3. A complete and up-to-date curriculum vitae (CV);
4. An unofficial transcript from your current educational institution or from the last educational institution attended, in PDF format;
5. A proof of program admission or participation in the activity, in PDF or JPEG format*;
 - a. For activities such as workshops, please provide the official letter of admission to the program. This may be submitted after the deadline, if received by the candidate later, but no later than May 5, 2025.
 - b. For activities such as masterclasses, please provide a letter from the teacher or person responsible for the activity.
6. The completed budget spreadsheet provided by JMNB;
7. A letter of recommendation from someone related to your artistic activities;
8. Two to three musical excerpts of contrasting styles, for a total of 5 minutes of music maximum. Candidates must provide links to audio or video excerpts on YouTube, Vimeo or Soundcloud.**
 - a. Instrumentalists and singers: Excerpts featuring the candidate on their main instrument.
 - b. Composers: Scores in PDF format and accompanying recordings. MIDI simulations are accepted when recordings are not available.

All material must be submitted before **April 15, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. Atlantic time**.

*The awarding of a scholarship is conditional on the presentation of proof of participation in the activity. If your proof of participation in the event is received at a later date, please indicate this by email to sdupuis@jmcanada.ca before the deadline. Proof of participation can then be sent to sdupuis@jmcanada.ca by PDF or JPEG file when available, but no later than May 5. Please identify the file as follows: Letter - [FULL NAME]

****IMPORTANT:** Be sure to enable your audio and video link sharing settings to give access to the jury until May 14 inclusively. JMNB will not be responsible for submissions with an inaccessible folder and submission material.



Assessment Criteria

Artistic excellence (40%)

- Quality of the artistic material provided

Impact (30%)

- Importance of the activity on the candidate's artistic path (e.g., visibility, access to mentors, tools, etc.)
- Clarity of the candidate's objectives for the activity

Feasibility (30%)

- Circumstances indicating the viability of the activity, including a proof of participation in the activity and a realistic budget
- Candidate's potential to succeed in the activity and to complete the project

Decision-Making Process

A jury composed of professional musicians and at least one member of the JMNB Board of Directors will assess each submission and decide on the amount to be awarded to the winners. Decisions are final and without appeal.

Publicity

Winners will be required to provide a photo and a short biography (maximum 150 words) for the announcement of the results.

Payment

The distribution of the Scholarships is made by cheque mailed to the winners.

Final Report

Winners must submit a final report to JMNB up to a maximum of 60 days after the activity for which they received funding.

IMPORTANT:

Any submission that is incomplete, does not meet the submission requirements, includes false information or is submitted after April 15, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. Atlantic time will automatically be rejected. Be sure to read the above information carefully and to complete your application.

If you have any questions about Laetitia-Cyr Scholarships or the application process, please contact sdupuis@jmcanada.ca.