



NPM ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS 2026-2027

PURPOSE

NPM Academic Scholarships assist with the cost of educational formation for Pastoral Musicians.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must have an active NPM Membership, either at Select, Select Plus, Religious, Clergy, Student, Standard or Premium level
- Part- or full-time enrollment in an undergraduate or graduate degree program during the 2026-2027 school year, or in a continuing education program
- Program of study must relate to the field of pastoral music
- Demonstrated financial need
- Applicant should intend to work at least two years in the field of pastoral music following graduation/program completion
- Scholarship funds may be applied *only* to registration, tuition, fees, or books
- Scholarships are awarded for one year *only*; a former recipient may re-apply but should not assume that renewal is automatic

APPLICATION DEADLINE AND DECISIONS

Deadline: Application must be postmarked by **May 30, 2026**

Decisions: Applicants will receive notice of the committee's decision by **June 30, 2026**

Payment: Recipients will be recognized and interviewed during the Fall for *Pastoral Music* magazine. Payment will be sent via mail by **August 31, 2026**

REQUIREMENTS

1. A completed Application Form
2. An audio or video recording of approximately 5 minutes demonstrating solo performance or directing skills should be emailed to Keisna Sosa at membership@npm.org
3. Two (2) Letters of Recommendation, one written by your Pastor
4. Completed Financial Need Statement

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APPLICATION FORM**
Please Type or Print Clearly

Date: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number (_____) _____ E-mail Address: _____

NPM Member Number: _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:

High School: _____

City: _____ State: _____

GPA: _____

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM:

Hours Completed: _____

Field of Study: _____

GPA: _____ Full or Part-time: _____

DEGREES or CERTIFICATIONS ALREADY

COMPLETED:

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Attach additional page(s) if needed.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

How do you define the term "Pastoral Musician"?:

Describe your previous experience as a Pastoral Musician:

**List and describe academic achievement, honors, recognition,
extracurricular activists, community involvement:**

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INCOME INFORMATION (*Complete either Section 1 or Section 2*)

Section 1: Single under 24 years old without dependent(s)

Is someone else claiming you as a dependent? No Yes

- a. Total number in family (household size) _____
- b. Parents' annual income (if claimed as a dependent) * \$ _____
- c. Your annual income * \$ _____
- d. Annual Untaxed Income and Benefits (including Child Support, SSI, Work First, Worker's Comp and other benefits) \$ _____
- e. Estimated assets (i.e., savings) \$ _____
- f. Other financial aid (grants, loans, scholarships) \$ _____

Section 2: Over 24 years old, or under 24 who are married and/or have dependents:

Marital Status: Single: _____ Married: _____

- a. Total number in family (household size) _____
- b. Your annual income * \$ _____
- c. Spouse's annual income * \$ _____
- d. Annual Untaxed Income and Benefits (including Child Support, SSI, Work First, Worker's Comp and other benefits) \$ _____
- e. Estimated assets (i.e., savings) \$ _____
- f. Other financial aid (grants, loans, scholarships) \$ _____

**Figures may be estimated or obtained from W-2s or 1040 Federal Income Tax forms.*

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Last Name: _____

EXPENSE INFORMATION

Estimated Annual Household Expenses (excluding educational expenses) \$ _____

Estimated Educational Expenses

Tuition (per program or year) \$ _____

Fees (per program or year) \$ _____

Books (per program or year) \$ _____

Other (please specify) \$ _____

Other Financial Information:

Please explain any special circumstances you would like to have considered in this application. Attach additional page(s) if needed.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Specify the title of the piece(s) on your submitted recording, as well as listing all performers:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Return Recommendation Directly to NPM

Keisna Sosa
Email (preferred): membership@npm.org
Subject: NPM Academic Scholarship
Reference

U.S. Mail
National Association of Pastoral Musicians
P.O. Box 007
Kensington, MD 20895-0007

**NPM ACADEMIC
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Recommendation Form**

Date: _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

YOUR INFORMATION

Your Name: _____

Parish Position: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number (_____) _____ E-mail Address: _____

Please give your reasons for recommending this applicant for an NPM Academic Scholarship. Include the benefits that the Applicant and the Parish would receive from this award, and any special considerations that make this Applicant deserving of an NPM Academic Scholarship.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Recommendation Form (other)**

Date: _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

YOUR INFORMATION

Your Name: _____

Parish Position: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number (_____) _____ E-mail Address: _____

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