



## ***Fripp Island Friends of Music***

### ***40<sup>th</sup> Season Anniversary School Grants***

#### **About/Background**

***Fripp Island Friends of Music*** is a 501c3 organization dedicated to the threefold purpose:

- To enrich the cultural environment of the Fripp Island and Low Country community by providing an annual concert series;
- To encourage and support young musical artists at critical times in their careers with the opportunity to perform before meaningful audiences and
- To support local youth musical development, through grants to youth musical organizations, by having artists perform in the local schools, and other support as appropriate.

Since the early 1980s FIFOM has sponsored five concerts each season, with artists performing at a Beaufort County school the morning following each Sunday concert. Our concert series is funded in part through a grant from the South Carolina Arts Commission, which receives support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Fripp Island Friends of Music is led by a volunteer board of directors.

Our concert series and membership has grown through the years and is proud to be launching a new grants program to further support local youth musical development in elementary, middle and high schools in northern Beaufort County of South Carolina.

#### **School Grants Guidelines and Criteria**

FIFOM welcomes applications from Beaufort County public school music educators teaching in elementary, middle and high school level in northern Beaufort County, South Carolina. Music faculty are encouraged to apply for funding to support all aspects of music education. The grant application deadline for the 2024-2025 academic year is May 1, 2024.

Whenever possible and where appropriate, acknowledgement of the source of funding for a project should be given with the tag line, "*This project was funded through a school grant from Fripp Island Friends of Music.*"

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## **What We Fund**

- Expanding access to high quality music enrichment for all students in elementary, middle and high schools in northern Beaufort County of South Carolina.
- Music library development.
- Acquisition of critical equipment, or supplies including instruments.
- Student music performance/concert related expenses.
- Visiting musicians-in-education or in-school musicians-in-residency programs and performances.

## **Funding Range**

Five grants of up to \$1000 will be awarded.

## **Application Deadline and Funding Period**

May 1, 2024, for August 2024 – June 2025 school year.

## **Eligibility**

Applicants may be elementary, middle or high school public school music programs located in northern Beaufort County of South Carolina. Applications must be signed by the music faculty member applying for grant funding and the school principal.

## **Selection Criteria**

Selection criteria for the Fripp Island Friends of Music 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grants include the following

- Extent to which the award will enhance the school's music education program
- Extent to which the award will promote student understanding, awareness and appreciation of music
- A clear indication that the award will benefit students, the music department and the school.

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## **Award Notification and Payment**

Applicants for the Fripp Island Friends of Music 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grants will receive written notification of award status in mid May. Award recipients will receive an award letter clarifying their award payment, documentation, and credit responsibilities. Award payments will be made to the school within 10 days of award notification.

## **Application Process and Form**

The application process consists of the following documents submitted to the Fripp Island Friends of Music 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grants Committee:

1. Application form
2. Project narrative (not to exceed 2 double-spaced pages)
  - a. General descriptions of the project
  - b. Project goals and specific objectives
  - c. Significance to music education
  - d. Benefit to students and to the school
3. Budget summary
4. A letter of recommendation from school principal
5. Relevant supporting documentation



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#### **APPLICATION FORM**

**School Name**

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**Address (city, street, zip)**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's name**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Department** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Principal/Headmaster name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Briefly describe how you would use this grant.**

**Total amount requested.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Faculty signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal/Headmaster signature** \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this application as the ***cover sheet*** of your grant application materials which include project narrative, budget summary, letter of recommendation and other relevant supporting documentation.

Email your application materials to [fifomschoolgrants@gmail.com](mailto:fifomschoolgrants@gmail.com);

Subject heading: FIFOM 40<sup>th</sup> Season Grant