



Calvin Hicks Memorial Award for the Study of Music Overview

Please be sure to read this overview carefully before beginning your application.

Award Description

The Calvin Hicks Memorial Award for the Study of Music has been established in the name of writer, educator and activist, Calvin Hicks, at Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School (CRLS).

This award will be available to student applicants demonstrating a love for and commitment to music, and financial need. The award may be applied to tuition costs at any accredited music school and may be used for study of any instrument, voice, or musical theory. The classes may be one hour or half an hour, group or private. The applicant may be at any stage of her/his musical development. S/he may have no prior musical training or be an accomplished artist. If awarded, the award check will be sent to the music school upon receipt of an invoice.

What should I know about applying?

Applications are due by April 1 for Summer 2016 music classes and should be filled out and submitted **by email to info@focrls.org with Hicks Award as the subject line.**

Complete your paperwork fully, submit it on time, and give us time to review it.

You'll have to answer an essay question, request a letter of recommendation – either from a current music teacher if you have one, or a current classroom teacher – and have your parent/guardian fill in financial information. Your paperwork and recommendations should be emailed to info@focrls.org at least a month before the tuition for lessons/classes needs to be paid in full. *(For example, for a class where tuition needs to be received by May 1, all portions of your application, including recommendation, need to be received by April 1.*

Applications are reviewed by the Hicks Family, who decide on award recipients. Interest in pursuing musical training and financial need will be key deciding factors. Our strongest candidates will be selected among those students who have a B or better average and are currently enrolled in the free/reduced lunch program, whose reference has highly recommended them, and whose applications are thorough and thoughtful.

About Friends of CRLS (FoCRLS)

The mission of the Friends of CRLS is to develop, support, and enrich the academic and social development programs at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School and to support the alumni of CRLS and its predecessor schools. In so doing, FoCRLS promotes achievement and a greater community investment in the future of CRLS, its current students, and its graduates. Friends of CRLS is a tax-exempt 501(c)3 non-profit association founded by two CRLS parents in 2006.

In addition to a range of scholarships and awards, FoCRLS programs include Faculty Innovation Grants, Student Travel Fellowships, Faculty Distinction Awards, and the “It Takes a Village” College Success Program. Keep FoCRLS in mind for these other opportunities and tell your friends, teachers, and extracurricular advisors about us!

Please visit our website, focrls.org, for more information.

If you have any questions, please email info@focrls.org, call 857-235-9290, or visit CRLS Room 2136.

Submission of Application – Summary of Instructions to Student

You will submit Parts 1, 2, and 3. Please email your application, including essay answers to info@focrls.org with *Hicks Award Application* in the subject line. If you need access to a scanner to email your application and answers, please ask a teacher for help or visit the FoCRLS during office hours in Room 2136.

For Part 4, give your references the recommendation forms and ask them to email their completed forms to us directly at info@focrls.org with *Hicks Award Recommendation* in the subject line. We should receive both recommendations no later than 10 days after we receive your completed application. Friends of CRLS should receive all four parts of the application at least 30 days before the lessons/class needs to be paid in full.

Please give us 30 days to review your application and make a decision. The Hicks Family will carefully consider your essays, recommendations, financial situation, and academic merit in relation to funds available and the number of applications received.

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