

Financial Aid Application

Founded in 2007, SOL-LA Music Academy is a non-profit performing arts school based in Santa Monica, California, whose mission is to provide high quality music education to students from all backgrounds and economic circumstances in an engaging and encouraging environment fostering community and achievement.

SOL-LA tuition covers approximately 60% of the overall cost of classes and lessons, and generous contributions from individuals, foundations, corporations and government cover the remaining cost of SOL-LA's vibrant program.

We also count on the support of SOL-LA families and friends to provide needed volunteers, and to offer their time, talent and skills to supplement SOL-LA tuition, and enhance our program.

SOL-LA's Financial Aid program is need based and intended to help provide music education to students with limited financial means, who otherwise would not have the opportunity to attend SOL-LA. Please submit your application as soon as possible as Financial Aid Awards are subject to the availability of funds.

The application process is confidential.

To apply, please submit a **completed SOL-LA registration packet** and **include a letter and supporting documents** that include the following:

1. Family information, including parent names, marital status, children's names, ages and schools.
2. Personal statement of demonstrated financial need and special circumstances relating to this request. Please attach the following documentation to your letter: child's qualification for free school meals; most recent IRS federal tax return, and any additional documents that support your request for financial aid.
3. Statement of amount student family can pay towards SOL-LA Music Academy tuition.
4. Student's interest in music, length of study, names of past teachers, music schools, current music lessons, classes and ensembles.
5. Student's inspiration and motivation to attend SOL-LA.
6. Student family's commitment that student will attend all classes and participate in events.
7. Parent availability to volunteer time, talent and skills in support of SOL-LA.

Please address your letter to:

SOL-LA Music Academy
1812 Stanford St.
Santa Monica, CA 90404

Complete applications must be submitted in writing. Applicants will receive a response within three weeks of receipt.