



High School Summer Music Institute

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: My son/daughter is currently in 8th grade. Should I register him/her for the WCU Middle School Summer Music Camp or the High School Summer Music Institute?

A: Current 8th graders should register for the Middle School Summer Music Camp. The Middle School Camp is intended for students currently in grades 6 through 8. The High School Summer Music Institute is intended for students who have completed at least one year of high school.

Q: My son/daughter plays more than one instrument (e.g. cello and piano). How should I list this on the application?

A: You should choose one instrument on which your son/daughter will perform throughout the Institute (for private lessons, the studio masterclass, large and small ensemble rehearsals/performances, etc.). On the application you should list the instrument on which you feel your son/daughter would most benefit from the time spent at the Institute. Please email us at summermusiccamps@wcupa.edu with any questions.

Q: How do I determine which music theory class will be the best fit for my son/daughter?

A: The advanced music theory class is intended for students who have taken an AP-level music theory course at their high school (or the equivalent amount of private/independent study). The beginning theory class will focus on scales, major and minor triads, seventh chords, harmonic progression, beginning sight singing, etc. The advanced theory class assumes that the student has a working knowledge of the aforementioned topics, as it focuses on harmonic analysis, musical form, advanced sight singing, etc.

Q: My son/daughter is enrolled as a commuter for the HS Summer Music Institute. What time should he/she be dropped off and picked up each day?

A: Commuters should be dropped off at 8am each morning, in time for the 8:10am individual warm-up. Commuters should eat breakfast at home, as they will only receive lunch and dinner on campus. Commuters are encouraged to stay for the evening activity (generally concluding around 9:30pm), though they may leave at 6:45pm following the college prep/audition class (with prior approval). All students (including commuters) will perform in the small ensembles concert on Friday evening. Please note that commuter students are not permitted to bring a car to campus- a parent or guardian must drop off and pick up the student each day.

Q: My son/daughter has a food allergy. Will the University's dining hall accommodate students with dietary restrictions?

A: The University's dining hall is well-versed in offering options for students with food allergies. Please email us at summermusiccamps@wcupa.edu to inform us about any food allergies.

Q: How should my son/daughter submit his/her Honors Track audition recording?

A: Students should upload their audition recording to YouTube (as a private/password-protected video), and email the video link to summermusiccamps@wcupa.edu on or before the deadline.

Q: My son/daughter submitted an Honors Track audition recording with his/her application. When will we find out if he/she was admitted to the Honors Track?

A: Students will be notified about the status of their Honors Track application by the end of June. Students who are admitted to the Honors Track will be assigned to an advanced chamber music ensemble, or they will be guaranteed a spot on the Solo Recital. Students who are not admitted to the Honors Track will still be eligible to audition in person for the Solo Recital (auditions take place the first night of the Institute). **Please understand that if a student is not admitted to the Honors Track they are still enrolled in the Institute-** the Honors Track decision does not, in any way, impact the student's participation in our standard Institute programs.

Q: My son/daughter applied for one of the partial scholarships that are mentioned in the brochure. What is the amount of the scholarship and when will I be notified if my son/daughter was awarded one of the scholarships?

A: We typically award \$100 scholarships to three students based on financial need. Scholarship applicants can expect to be notified in mid-June. In order to be considered for a scholarship, applicants must submit a letter requesting financial assistance, as well as a letter of recommendation from the student's high school music teacher (in addition to the Institute's application and deposit).

Q: My son/daughter attended last year's High School Summer Music Institute. How do I take advantage of the referral discount?

A: As the parent of a child who attended last year's High School Summer Music Institute, you will receive a referral form along with this year's Institute invitation letter and brochure. Please write your child's name in the "referred by" section of the form, then pass the referral form along to a parent who might be interested in our program. If that parent registers their child (who must be new to our summer camps) for this year's Institute, you will receive a \$20 credit toward your child's Institute tuition. We can only offer one \$20 referral credit per student, for a maximum referral discount of \$20 (in addition to any Early Registration Discount). Referral forms, applications, and deposits from new students must be postmarked by the Early Registration deadline.

Q: If my son/daughter receives a Rising Senior Scholarship, what amount will he/she receive?

A: The amount of these partial scholarships varies based on several factors (the number of scholarships awarded, the student's primary instrument, etc.). Last year we awarded three Rising Senior Scholarships, each of which was valued at more than \$100.

Q: My son/daughter is applying for a Rising Senior Scholarship. Does he/she need to register for the High School Summer Music Institute before the Rising Senior Scholarships are awarded?

A: No. Rising Senior Scholarship applicants have the option of waiting to submit their Institute application/deposit until after the scholarships are awarded (particularly if the scholarship will determine whether or not the student will be able to attend the Institute). Rising Senior Scholarship application emails and recommendation forms are due by the posted deadline. Rising Senior Scholarship decisions will be made by the middle of June. Rising Senior Scholarship recipients who have yet to register for the Institute must then submit the Institute application and deposit by the posted HS Institute application deadline.

Q: Due to a prior commitment (e.g. sports camp, community theater rehearsal, etc.), my son/daughter will need to miss a day of the Institute. Can I still register my son/daughter for the Institute?

A: Yes, we can accommodate your schedule. We will need a signed letter from a parent/guardian detailing exactly when the student will be picked up from the Institute and when they will return to campus. We are not able to discount the Institute fees due to missed time.