Central Michigan University
School of Music

Music Award Regulations

Awards to outstanding music majors are available for the Fall and Winter semesters from University Grant-in-Aid Funds. These awards are normally for performance areas, but others may be granted on recommendations of the appropriate area committee. The School of Music uses music awards to attract and recruit talented music students. Students who receive an award are expected to provide service to the School of Music and University.

Awards are available on the recommendation of the student's music audition committee. No awards will be given until the student has been properly approved as a music major under existing curricular options. Students must have a major authorization form signed by an advisor during the first semester in which the award is granted in order to continue to receive the award.

Awards are renewable up to three additional consecutive years or until graduation, whichever comes first. Students must not break the continuity of their study. If work is interrupted, the student will be required to re-audition to satisfy the committee that he or she still qualifies for an award.

Academically, students receiving a music award will be obligated to the following requirements. Failure to meet these requirements will result in the cancellation of the award for the given semester. If the award has been paid out, the student’s account will be debited for the award amount.

- Students must enroll in and maintain a full-time load (twelve credit hours minimum) each semester and maintain timely progress toward the degree. When a student receives an Incomplete grade in an applied area or ensemble, because of documented health reasons, that student shall be required to remove the Incomplete by the end of the fourth week of classes of the following semester, in order to maintain his/her award.

- Students must be enrolled for credit each semester in a large performance ensemble (band, choir, opera, orchestra) related to their primary applied area, meeting three hours or more per week, throughout the semester, and/or supervised accompanying as judged appropriate by the Area Coordinator. Students may be required to participate in an additional ensemble at the discretion of the area granting the award.

- Students must enroll in private lessons each semester in the applied area granting the award.

Private lesson and performance organization requirements may be waived during the semester a student participates in the Study Abroad Program or is student teaching.

In addition, students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0. Failure to maintain this GPA will result in the student being placed on probation. If the GPA does not rise above 3.0 after the next semester, the award will be canceled. If the award is lost and the student subsequently regains eligibility, the student may request re-audition for reinstatement of the award. Probationary status will be granted only one time, and once granted, will not be erased.

Transfer of major to a different performance area or different department cancels the award. The student may audition in the new area for an award.

The student is responsible for preparing all forms required by the Financial Aid Office and the Music Office.

The School of Music Council will consider exceptions to these regulations only after receiving a written request documenting the need and a recommendation from the appropriate area.

Approved by SOM Council 9/30/15