



## Elektra Youth Scholarship Application Guidelines

Applicants must read and agree to adhere to the terms as outlined in this document.

### Purpose

This annual scholarship is awarded by [Elektra](#) to support a young musician in their musical development. This award may be used to pay for private lessons, choir fees, purchase of music or instruments, travel to a music program, participation in music festivals, post-secondary tuition or any other item relating to music education.

### Scholarship Amount

\$600

### Deadline

February 28 11:59pm PST

### Eligibility

- the applicant's primary residence is in the Metro Vancouver area or the applicant has graduated from a Metro Vancouver high school. For a list of eligible municipalities, see [this link](#)
- the applicant is between the ages of 15 and 20 on the application deadline
- the applicant has been involved in a school or community choral program
- the applicant may not be a previous winner of this award
- the applicant does not have to be pursuing a career in music

### Application Process

Applying for the Elektra's Youth Scholarship is a two-step process. **Both must be completed and received by Elektra no later than 11:59pm PST on February 28.**

1) **Complete and submit the application form** available [on the Elektra website](#).

2) **Submit a letter of recommendation.** Ask your music teacher or choir director to write a letter of recommendation and email it directly to [info@elektra.ca](mailto:info@elektra.ca) with the subject line: "Youth Scholarship Letter of Recommendation - Applicant's Name". **The strength of this letter is an important factor in a successful application.**

We look forward to receiving your application!

## Considerations by Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee of Elektra is made up of choir members and community representatives with expertise/interest in music education. The Committee will review all complete applications that were received on time, and select the scholarship recipient. The decision of the Committee is final.

In selecting the winner, the following areas will be considered with these approximate weightings:

- 30% musical background, personal achievements, and participation in choirs
- 35% proposed use of funds and scholarship impact
- 35% written letter of recommendation from music teacher or choir director

## Requirements of the Scholarship Winner

The winner of the scholarship is required to:

- use the scholarship funds as outlined in their application within sixteen months of the announcement of the winner.
- submit a final report within 16 months of the award which includes
  - a brief explanation how the funds were used and the impact of receiving the scholarship
  - financial details on the use of funds and submission of receipts

In the event that the full amount of the scholarship is not used within 16 months from announcement of the winner, Elektra has the right to ask the recipient to return the unused portion within 30 days.

## Annual Timeline

- **January 15** • annual guidelines document available and application form open on the [Elektra Youth Scholarship](#) page
- **February 28** • applications close at 11:59pm PST
- **April 10** • all applicants are notified of results; one person is notified that they are the winner; the winner is asked to keep the news confidential until Elektra's public announcement. Please do not contact Elektra for the results prior to this date.
- **April or May** • Elektra announces winner publicly and awards scholarship cheque and certificate to the recipient
- **July 15** • form for the final report on the use of funds is sent to the previous year's winner. (If this is not received, please contact [Elektra's Managing Director](#) to obtain a copy)
- **September 15** • one year *following* the awarding of the scholarship (16 months from award announcement) • deadline for the winner to submit the final report on the use of funds

**If you have questions or need assistance with this application, please contact [Elektra's Managing Director](#)**