



**JCS Arts, Health and Education Fund  
2023-24 Young People's Music Initiative  
Program Description  
Returning Grantees**



**Vision & Background**

One of the charitable interests of the *JCS Arts, Health & Education Fund (JCS Fund)* of DuPage Foundation is to encourage classical instrumental music performance and education, as well as general music education for the residents of DuPage County.

The *JCS Fund* believes that young people who play, hear, and appreciate classical instrumental music lead better, more successful, and rewarding lives. To further these beliefs, the *JCS Fund* developed the Young People's Music Initiative (YPMI). The Initiative provides grants in support of DuPage County elementary, middle, and high school instrumental and general music programs.

Since the launch of the YPMI, 12 DuPage high schools, 23 middle and junior high schools, and 77 elementary schools have received grants. The grant program design was developed based on meetings with local educators and organizations. Among the lessons learned was that teachers, administrators, and parent groups view needs differently. Another lesson learned was that while each district strongly supports music education, the needs of districts and schools within a single district may differ. The needs depend on factors such as district funding practices, demographics, local economic factors, grade levels served, and the musical interests of the faculty.

**Returning Grantee Program Structure**

The amounts of participants' grant eligibility are listed on the attached schedule. Grants for programs other than elementary general music programs will only be made in support of instrumental music.

Material changes in the use of funds during the grant year will not be approved. The *JCS Fund* retains the sole discretion to require the return of unused grant funds or permit their use for the following year's grants.

Funding decisions for Year Two and Follow Up grants will be contingent on the submission of a satisfactory final report by June 1, 2024 for the previous year's grant.

**Grant Requests**

- While instrument purchases will be considered, the program is not intended to be an instrument repair or replacement fund.
- Requests should prioritize the involvement of mentoring or imaginative/creative learning experiences.
- Requests for field trips, uniforms, or choral programs will not be considered.

**Examples of past grants:**

- Artist or composer-in-residence programs
- Full band/orchestra clinicians
- Instrument-specific masterclasses
- Composition software programs

- Music education professional development
- Orff instruments or other curriculum material
- Assemblies featuring a professional guest performer or group
- Instrument purchases or repairs that would not otherwise be funded

### **Review Criteria**

Applications will be considered separately and are not in competition with each other. Awards may be the full amount requested or may provide partial or conditional funding to some, all or none of the applicants.

### **Application Process**

Returning grantees will receive an Access Code to access the online grant application on the [DuPage Foundation online portal](#). All applications must be received by **Friday, May 17, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**

DuPage Foundation and JCS Fund representatives review each application. Grant award notifications will be emailed to applicants by mid-July and grants will be distributed in mid-August.

### **Questions**

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	School / District	Grant Eligibility for 2024-2025
<b>Year Two Grants</b>		
Group K	Lisle District 202 – Elementary	\$10,000
	Lisle Junior High School	\$10,000
	Lisle High School	\$10,000
<b>Follow Up Grants (Year 1)</b>		
Group J	Glen Ellyn School District 41- Hadley Jr. High (Band/Orchestra)	\$5,000
	Glen Ellyn School District 41 – General Music	\$10,000
<b>Follow Up Grants (Year 2)</b>		
Group I	Itasca School District 10 - Elementary	\$5,000
	F.E. Peacock Middle School (Itasca D10)	\$5,000
<b>Follow Up Grants (Year 3)</b>		
Group H	Keeneyville School District 20 - Elementary	\$3,000
	Spring Wood Middle School (Keeneyville D20)	\$3,000
	Lake Park High School	\$3,000
	Woodridge School District 68 - Elementary	\$6,000
	Thomas Jefferson Junior High School (Woodridge D68)	\$3,000
<b>Follow Up Grants (Year 4)</b>		
Group G	Burr Ridge CCSD 180	\$3,000
	Queen Bee School District 16	\$3,000
<b>Follow Up Grants (Year 5)</b>		
Group F	Bensenville School District 2 - Elementary	\$3,000
	Blackhawk Middle School (Bensenville SD2)	\$3,000
	Fenton High School	\$3,000
	Wood Dale School District 7 - Elementary	\$3,000
	Wood Dale Jr. High (Wood Dale SD7)	\$3,000