

Apply Today!

Visit kwsymphony.ca/bridge or call 519-745-4711 ext. 231 for information and an application form

ELIGIBILITY:

Eligibility is based on total household income – which includes all income before taxes. The gross income levels below determine eligibility, but we will also consider extraordinary expenses that may affect your financial status. Proof of eligibility may be required with submission of the application.

FAMILY SIZE	ANNUAL TOTAL INCOME CUTOFFS
1	\$ 23,861
2	\$ 29,706
3	\$ 36,520
4	\$ 44,340
5	\$ 50,290
6	\$ 56,718
7	\$ 63,147

Statistics Canada, 2015



Music... is a tool for personal development and growth and can lead to better academic achievement and greater creativity."

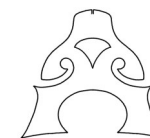
- Peter Simon, President, Royal Conservatory of Music



Removing barriers to music education



Bridge to Music Program



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What is 'Bridge to Music'?

Bridge to Music is a program launched in 2012 to help younger people in a low family income bracket start music lessons! The program is geared to ages 6—13, no music experience is necessary. Each student can choose to study an orchestral instrument from the string, woodwind or brass families, such as violin, trumpet, or flute. As part of the Bridge to Music Program, the KWS provides the following:

- Guidance in selecting a suitable instrument
- Connections to a professional music teacher
- Subsidized lessons that cost the student only **\$5 each lesson**
- Instrument rental for only **\$20** for the length the teaching year
- Tickets to select KWS concerts for the student and their families
- Performance opportunities with other students
- Long-term opportunities to play with other young musicians in the Youth Orchestra Program



Our Commitment

The Kitchener Waterloo Symphony is deeply committed to music education. We know that learning an instrument provides the following benefits:

Personal Development

- Self-esteem
- Self-expression
- Discipline
- Hand-eye coordination
- Memory skills
- Communication skills
- Multi-tasking
- Time management

Social Development

- Teamwork and leadership skills

Academic Achievement

- higher grade levels overall in school.
- Students involved in after-school education programs are less likely to drop out early

How to Start Music Lessons!

Which instrument do I choose?

We can guide you to finding the right instrument for your child. If your child isn't already interested in a particular instrument we can help by introducing them to a range of instruments that they can try. The Bridge to Music Program encourages a long range of study on an instrument, so finding the right one is important.



How do I find a music teacher?

We will connect each student with the right teacher to ensure there is a good fit. Our teachers are enthusiastic and promote learning through positive encouragement. Lessons are subsidized, so the student pays only **\$5 for each lesson**.

Where do I get an instrument?

The Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony will help supply you with an instrument through its instrument bank or through our partnership with Long & McQuade Music. The cost to the student is only **\$20** for the length of the teaching year (fall through spring).

Resources

Online Resources

www.kwsymphony.ca/bridge

www.childrensmusicworkshop.com

www.harmony-project.org

etmonline.org

Music Stores

Long & McQuade Music

Music Plus

Opus II

