

How to Fund Your Brass Camp Experience: A Guide for Students and Parents



Attending a summer program like the Stetson Brass Camp, not only helps student's development their music and playing abilities, but also advances one's confidence, responsibility, courage, and relationship/friendship building skills. If you need help paying for camp, I urge you to consider the funding sources and ideas below.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO EXPLORE

High Schools: Some high schools and band boosters offer scholarships to students needing financial help for summer music programs. Ask your music teacher if there are such scholarships available. Also ask your guidance counselor if they might know of any opportunities.

Youth Orchestras: If you play in a youth orchestra, ask the organization if there are any scholarship funds available for summer music programs.

Arts Councils: Cities and metropolitan areas can support young artists through their own Community Arts Councils. Search municipal websites for information about grants, proposal requirements, and deadlines.

Crowdfunding: Webpages such as GoFundMe are an efficient way to raise money. Make sure you clearly express your goals and describe how you will use the money. Say something personal and make sure to send a thank you if they sponsor you!

Place of Worship: Ask your worship leadership about possible support. Leadership may be willing to mention to the worship community you are looking for sponsorship to attend a summer music camp.

Sponsorships: Write letters to everyone you and your parents know asking for sponsorship. Explain what the Stetson Brass Camp is, why you want to go, and the benefits of attending. Personalize the letter and make sure to send a thank you if they sponsor you.

Scholarships: This might be more difficulty to attain but worth a shot. Search for music high school scholarships, summer camp scholarships, summer music camp scholarships, etc.

Share your plans to attend the Stetson Brass Camp with everyone. People may have leads and other ideas to help you acquire funding. We wish you the best as you fundraise and look forward to seeing you!