



High School Summer Music Camp

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: My son/daughter is currently in 8th grade. Should I register him/her for the WCU Middle School Summer Music Camp or the High School Summer Music Camp?

A: Current 8th graders can register for the Middle School Summer Music Camp and/or the High School Summer Music Camp. The Middle School Camp is intended for students currently in grades 6 through 8. As of 2026 we are accepting current 8th grade students (rising 9th graders) to the High School Summer Music Camp.

Q: My son/daughter plays more than one instrument (e.g. cello and piano). How should I list this on the application?

A: You should choose one instrument on which your son/daughter will perform throughout the HS Summer Music Camp (for private lessons, the studio masterclass, large and small ensemble rehearsals/performances, etc.). On the application you should list the instrument on which you feel your son/daughter would most benefit from the time spent at the Institute. Please email us at summermusiccamps@wcupa.edu with any questions.

Q: How do I determine which music theory class will be the best fit for my son/daughter?

A: The advanced music theory class is intended for students who have taken an AP-level music theory course at their high school (or the equivalent amount of private/independent study). The beginning theory class will focus on scales, major and minor triads, seventh chords, harmonic progression, beginning sight singing, etc. The advanced theory class assumes that the student has a working knowledge of the aforementioned topics, as it focuses on harmonic analysis, musical form, advanced sight singing, etc.

Q: My son/daughter is enrolled as a commuter for the HS Summer Music Camp. What time should he/she be dropped off and picked up each day?

A: Commuters should be dropped off at 8am each morning, in time for the 8:10am individual warm-up. Commuters should eat breakfast at home, as they will only receive lunch and dinner on campus. Commuters are encouraged to stay for the evening activity (generally concluding around 9:30pm), though they may leave at 6:45pm following the college prep/audition class (with prior approval). All students (including commuters) will perform in the small ensembles concert on Friday evening. Please note that commuter students are not permitted to bring a car to campus- a parent or guardian must drop off and pick up the student each day.

Q: My son/daughter has a food allergy. Will the University's dining hall accommodate students with dietary restrictions?

A: The University's dining hall is well-versed in offering options for students with food allergies. Please email us at summermusiccamps@wcupa.edu to inform us about any food allergies.

Q: My son/daughter applied for one of the partial scholarships that are mentioned in the brochure. What is the amount of the scholarship and when will I be notified if my son/daughter was awarded one of the scholarships?

A: We typically award \$100 scholarships to three students based on financial need. Scholarship applicants can expect to be notified in mid-June. In order to be considered for a scholarship, applicants must submit a letter requesting financial assistance, as well as a letter of recommendation from the student's high school music teacher (in addition to the Institute's application and deposit).

Q: If my son/daughter receives a Rising Senior Scholarship, what amount will he/she receive?

A: The amount of these partial scholarships varies based on several factors (the number of scholarships awarded, the student's primary instrument, etc.). Last year we awarded three Rising Senior Scholarships, each of which was valued at more than \$100.

Q: My son/daughter is applying for a Rising Senior Scholarship. Does he/she need to register for the High School Summer Music Camp before the Rising Senior Scholarships are awarded?

A: No. Rising Senior Scholarship applicants have the option of waiting to submit their Camp application/deposit until after the scholarships are awarded (particularly if the scholarship will determine whether or not the student will be able to attend the Institute). Rising Senior Scholarship application emails and recommendation forms are due by the posted deadline. Rising Senior Scholarship decisions will be made by the middle of June. Rising Senior Scholarship recipients who have yet to register for the Camp must then submit the Camp application and deposit by the posted HS Camp application deadline.

Q: Due to a prior commitment (e.g. sports camp, community theater rehearsal, etc.), my son/daughter will need to miss a day of the Institute. Can I still register my son/daughter for the Institute?

A: Yes, we can accommodate your schedule. We will need a signed letter from a parent/guardian detailing exactly when the student will be picked up from the Institute and when they will return to campus. We are not able to discount the Institute fees due to missed time.