

# Guidelines for the award of a scholarship

## Foreword

The University Music (SUM) of the Conservatorio della Svizzera italiana (CSI) has available for students a consultancy and assistance service that will guide them in the preparation and completion of application processes for scholarship requests to foundations, institutions or private individuals.

The SUM also has the power to provide financial aid to students in the form of scholarships, study loans or the purchase/repair of musical instruments, depending on available funding and/or donations.

The number and amount of scholarships varies annually.

Scholarships may never exceed the cost of tuition and individual expenses incurred during the academic year.

## General information

There are three main scholarship funds to which SUM students may apply:

- The Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships for Foreign Scholars and Artists (ESKAS): these are awarded by the ESKAS commission to foreign students from a list of countries established by the Confederation. The application is submitted to the Swiss Embassy in the student's place of origin.  
<https://www.sbf.admin.ch/sbf/en/home/education/scholarships-and-grants/swiss-government-excellence-scholarships.html>
- Grants awarded by Swiss foundations and associations: Foundations operate according to their own criteria and differ according to their statutes. In addition to age limits (usually under 26), variables such as proven financial need, nationality, course of study, instrument, etc. are part of the selection process.
- SUM CSI Scholarships: SUM annually sets the amounts to be allocated to scholarships and promotes detailed announcements of the scholarships to be awarded.

## **General criteria and conditions for awarding a scholarship**

1. In order to benefit from the scholarships service, you must be regularly enrolled at the University of Music.
2. Generally, the award criteria are linked to academic performance and financial situation. Preference is given to applications from young people in their first year of training. The maximum age for obtaining a scholarship is generally under 30.
3. SUM reserves the right to suspend or revoke any scholarship in the event of suspension or abandonment of studies, leave of absence or irregular attendance at classes during the academic year for which the scholarship was granted. Specific criteria published in the annual announcements such as performance, discipline, and the like also apply.

## **General conditions**

1. Applications for SUM scholarships must be submitted before the deadlines specified in the annual announcements;
2. A special committee evaluates the applications, decides on the suitability of the candidates and establishes a ranking of the candidates.
3. Selection is based on the dossiers submitted. The committee's decision is final.
4. The SUM Directorate is responsible for the allocation of the scholarships.

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