

The Rockit Live Foundation Scholarship Application 2018

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1. Deadline for Scholarship Application is March 23rd, 2018, 5:00pm.
2. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned.
3. Notifications will be sent before the start of the spring session regarding application status.
4. Please direct any questions to Samantha Fortier at sam@rockitacademy.org

The Rockit Live Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that develops, nurtures, and inspires young musicians to reach their full artistic potential through outreach and live music education offered at the Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank, NJ. The Rockit Academy's defining mission and focus is music education and scholarships. The foundation aspires to build character and talent while instilling confidence and team skills with an emphasis on live stage performance. Rockit was created in 2004 by Brooklyn-based drummer Bruce Gallipani. The program was inspired by Little Steven's Underground Garage radio show and the concept that rock music can provide positive reinforcement and well-being for today's youth. Since its inception, Rockit has worked with more than 1,700 young musicians to kick-start their careers and assist in leading them to the most prestigious music colleges in the United States. Artist Advisory Board members include: Maureen & Steven Van Zandt, Carmine Appice, Susan & Eddie Brigati, Rich Russo, and Jacquie Lee.

The Rockit Live Foundation's scholarship program offers complementary private lessons in conjunction with band sessions taught by professional music instructors. We believe that every young child should have the opportunity to experience the impact music can have in life. Music has the power to build academic and social skills, unleash creativity, and develop self-confidence and self-esteem. Music touches the mind, the heart, and the senses. Students are given the opportunity to participate in multiple shows at the Count Basie Theatre throughout the year as well as additional benefit concerts and charitable events. One on one instruction supplemented with immersive band training assists in facilitating our students to build confidence and talent that will last a lifetime.

Audition Requirements and Procedure: Ages 8 – 18 years

- All scholarship students must audition at the beginning of each quarterly session.
- Students must perform a **TWO-THREE**-minute selection that best represents their style and ability. Vocalists are encouraged to sing karaoke or musical accompaniment. Singing with a prerecorded track with vocals is not permitted. All other musicians are encouraged to play along with a track but may also audition solo. Guitar solos are not required but helpful in band placement.
- Students have the option to bring their own instruments or equipment. Otherwise, they will be provided.
- All students must attend all rehearsals unless extenuating circumstances should occur. Students must also perform in the end-of-semester concert. Students must be passionate, willing to work, and to make a mutual commitment towards bettering themselves as a student and a performer through music education.
- If your child meets the requirements and is interested in joining the Rockit Academy, please complete the application and mail to Rockit, P.O. Box 4237, Middletown, NJ 07748. You may also drop off completed forms at the Count Basie Theatre offices no later than Friday, March 23rd at 5pm. You will be notified of your child's audition time once application is received.

Scheduled program dates are:

Audition: Saturday, March 24th 10am-8pm assigned
Orientation: Saturday, April 21st, 1:00pm-2:00pm for **NEW** students and a parent or guardian.
Rehearsals: Students will be assigned one 90-minute band rehearsal BETWEEN 4-8:30pm Monday-Friday.
Concert: Sunday, June 17th, 3pm on the stage of the Count Basie Theatre
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***Results of the audition will determine whether the student will receive private lessons, band instruction, or both.



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Rockit is New Jersey's premier live music education program for young musicians. Learn the classics during six weeks of group instruction and be a star as you perform live on the historic Count Basie Theatre stage. Vocalists, drummers, guitarists, bassists, keyboardists, brass and string players are encouraged to complement their private studies with our collaborative program. Space is limited. The Rockit Live Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. For more information, please visit www.rockitlive.org or the Count Basie Theatre 732-224-8778 x125

Name _____ Age _____ Birth Date _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Parent Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____ Emergency Contact _____

Current school and city _____ Graduation date _____

How did you hear about Rockit? _____

Does your child have any special needs or medical conditions that we should be aware of?
Please include allergies, learning disabilities, physical limitations, etc.

Additional Student Information:

Primary Instrument or Vocals Studying _____ How long? _____

2nd Instrument Studying _____ How Long? _____

Name of instructor(s) _____ Number of years studied _____

Are you currently awarded a Rockit Scholarship Yes ___ No ___ If yes, since when? Date: _____

Are you currently enrolled in another music school? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, where? _____

Indicate the number of years you have participated in the following musical groups:

Band _____ Orchestra _____ Choir _____

On a separate sheet, please indicate why you feel you would be a good recipient for our scholarship. Include any additional musical experience, performances, prior music education, community service activities, etc.

SCHEDULING, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY: Scholarship bands will rehearse for one 90-minute session that can be scheduled anytime Monday-Friday from 4-8:30pm. This section **ONLY** applies to those students who may require special rehearsal scheduling due to: **Extensive travel time, Religious commitments, unique family situations, or daily school dismissal. This does not include extracurricular activities.** _____

I hereby give permission for my child to participate in the Rockit Academy Sessions at Count Basie Theatre. I also give my permission to Rockit Live Foundation to use in publicity of any kind, photographs, audio or video in which my child appears. The staff has my permission to seek emergency medical attention for my child in the event of an emergency if my emergency contact person or I cannot be reached. There are no refunds after start of sessions.
Parent signature _____ Date _____



Financial Information: All scholarships will be awarded for the term of one year with the option to reapply. Students will be reevaluated quarterly at the end of each term. Rockit Live Foundation has the right to hold or terminate scholarship student’s activity in the program based on lack of commitment, progress, or performance. Participation in past Rockit sessions does not guarantee placement. The noted requirements on page one are necessary to ensure that each child enrolled in the program has a positive learning and educational experience.

Partial Scholarship: Students may be granted partial scholarship to assist with tuition and/or private lesson fees. In order to be eligible for partial scholarship you will be asked to submit documentation for your specific needs. Scholarships may be awarded in the form of discounts or free services.
Partial Scholarship Value: **\$3,380.**

Full Scholarship: Students will be given the opportunity to attend a full session of Rockit with tuition free private instruction and band sessions. This gives students the opportunity to experience our premier music program despite financial restrictions.
Full Scholarship Value: **\$5,160.**

ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS:

In need of financial assistance? (Check one): Yes _____ No _____

Please Explain: (may attach additional documentation)

Teacher Recommendation

Submit one letter of recommendation from a teacher or staff member indicating why your child would be a good recipient of our scholarship.

Check all that apply:

- _____ I have completed the Rockit Live Foundation 2018 Application for Admission to the Student Scholarship Program.
- _____ I have a sponsor and have attached a letter from the sponsor stating the total estimated support to be provided for 2018.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of scholarship applicant parent/guardian: _____ Date: _____

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