

SMARTS Initiative

Instrument Ownership Program

SMARTS (Sharing Music, Accessing Resources, Transforming Students) is a program dedicated to providing instruments to underprivileged youth in the Coachella Valley who are enrolled in a music program.

Eligibility

To qualify for the SMARTS program, your child must meet the following criteria:

- Be currently enrolled in a music program (band, orchestra, choir, etc.) at a Coachella Valley school (public, charter, private, or independent music program).
- Demonstrate a financial need for an instrument.
- Be committed to practicing and participating in their music program.

Sign-Up Information

Please complete the following information to express your interest in the SMARTS program for your child. A representative from SMARTS will contact you within two weeks to discuss your eligibility and next steps.

Student Information

- Student Name: _____
- School Name: _____
- Age: _____ Grade Level: _____
- Music Program (Band, Orchestra, Choir, etc.) _____
- Instrument Requested (if known): _____

Music Director / Teacher Information

- Music Director/Teacher Name: _____
- School Phone Number: _____
- Music Director/Teacher Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

- Parent/Guardian Name: _____
- Phone Number: _____
- Email Address: _____

Household Information

- Number of people in your household: _____

Briefly describe your financial situation and how owning an instrument will benefit your child's participation in their music program:

Please Note:

- Completing this form does not guarantee participation in the SMARTS program.
- Selection will be based on available instruments, financial need, and commitment to a music program.
- Instruments provided through SMARTS are for students to keep and become their own. Owning their instrument fosters a sense of responsibility and deepens their connection with music.

Benefits of Music Education

Music education goes far beyond learning to play an instrument. Studies show it unlocks a wealth of benefits for young people, including:

- Sharpened focus and concentration skills that benefit them in all areas of life.
- Enhanced teamwork and collaboration abilities, fostering a sense of community and belonging.
- Boosted brainpower through improved memory, problem-solving skills, and creativity.
- Increased confidence and self-esteem, leading to a positive "can-do" attitude.
- Potential for college scholarships and performance opportunities, opening doors to exciting futures.

Thank you for your interest in SMARTS! We look forward to hearing from you.

Please download and email the completed form to SBJ@sunsetmusic.org with the subject line "SMARTS Initiative Instrument Ownership Program Form."

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MEDIA CONSENT FORM AND RELEASE FOR MINOR CHILDREN

Student Name: _____

Age: _____

Date of Birth _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Relationship _____ **Phone** _____

Email: _____

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Consent: I hereby certify that I am the parent/guardian of the above-named child and hereby give my consent without reservation to the foregoing on behalf of my child.

Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

