

# 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 Sunset Music and Education's 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 share your financial situation and how owning an instrument would enhance your child's ability to participate in their music program. We'd also love to hear from the student—why is this instrument important to them, and how will it support their musical journey?

**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](mailto:SBJ@sunsetmusic.org) with the subject line "SMARTS Initiative Instrument Ownership Program Form."

# Sunset Music Series: SMARTS Initiative

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

