



Aspen Music Festival and School's

P.A.L.S. Program 2016

To apply for the 2016 P.A.L.S. Program:

<https://students.aspenmusicfestival.com/apply/>

Application deadline = Wednesday, May 4th at 10:00pm

Who Can Apply

The P.A.L.S. Program is designed for local students (full-time or full-summer residents of the Roaring Fork Valley) who are currently studying an instrument (including voice) and wish to devote serious focus to this instrument during the summer months. The P.A.L.S. Program is not for beginning students, as you should already have at least one school year of experience on your instrument before applying to P.A.L.S. Instruments of study in the P.A.L.S. Program: Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Bassoon, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, French Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone/Euphonium, Tuba, Percussion, Harp, Piano, Guitar, Voice (voice students must be entering 8th-grade or above, as the P.A.L.S. program does not offer voice private study to students younger than 8th-grade).

High school and middle school students (entering grades 6-12) can apply for acceptance into the eight-week P.A.L.S. summer program, and students entering grades 1 through 5 are eligible to apply for the Little P.A.L.S. summer program.

Students who have already graduated from high school by the start of the 2016 P.A.L.S. program are not eligible to apply. Instead, students past 12th grade are encouraged to consider taking private lessons through the AMFS's Roaring Fork Valley Music Lesson Program (see details under "Student Responsibility" below).

Important Dates and Deadlines for 2016

- Friday, March 18th – Application Opens
- Wednesday, May 4th, at 10:00pm – Application Deadline
- Friday, May 20th – All applicants will be notified of acceptance status

P.A.L.S. Program Offerings

The Passes and Lessons Scholarship program exists for students who wish to focus on vocal and/or instrumental education. The program identifies and develops musically gifted and motivated musicians who live in the Roaring Fork Valley and offers them focused lessons during the summer, along with music education-specific activities and exclusive access to the Aspen Music Festival and School's summer programming. P.A.L.S. events are scheduled throughout the summer to ensure that students are able to find events that work within their summer schedules.

Program includes the following:

- P.A.L.S. Program season pass for this summer's Music Festival concerts, running from June 30th through August 21st (excluding operas and special events). Each pass contains the P.A.L.S. participant's photo and entitles the holder to two tickets per concert, so a parent or friend can attend as well. Please note that students in the Little P.A.L.S. program must be accompanied by a parent/adult at every concert and P.A.L.S. event.
- A series of free or discounted music lessons in the student's area of study/choice with our top fellowship students who are hand-picked to teach for this program. Lessons are arranged by each student according to his/her and the teacher's schedules. Students in the P.A.L.S. program take 10 private lessons, and students in the Little P.A.L.S. program take 5 private lessons.
 - Students in the **P.A.L.S.** program take 10 private lessons.
 - Students in the **Little P.A.L.S.** program take 5 private lessons.
 - Music educators in the **Big P.A.L.S.** program take 5 private lessons.
 - Please note: All P.A.L.S. guitar students receive 5 private lessons on guitar, as guitar is a Half-Session II program at the AMFS. AMFS Guitar students/P.A.L.S. teachers are in residence July 25th through August 21st. P.A.L.S. guitar lessons will only take place during this time.
 - P.A.L.S. program guitar students who currently study classical guitar through the AMFS's Lead Guitar program have the option to study an alternate (secondary) instrument for the first four weeks of the program during Half-Session I. Little P.A.L.S. program guitar students cannot select a secondary instrument.
- Other opportunities such as P.A.L.S. Ensemble Experience, instrument-specific masterclasses, behind-the-scenes looks at what happens at performances (both backstage and onstage), pre-concert/intermission chats with Festival conductors and students, pre-concert program notes reviews, a chance to meet Festival guest artists, tours of the world-class performance facilities, and a recording session featuring P.A.L.S. students.

Acceptance – P.A.L.S. Program

Acceptance into the **P.A.L.S. Program** (students entering grades 6 through 12) falls into three categories: full scholarship, partial scholarship, and acceptance without scholarship.

- **P.A.L.S. Full Scholarship:** Students accepted with a full scholarship will receive a series of 10 half-hour private lessons with a dedicated P.A.L.S. teacher, an AMFS P.A.L.S. Program season pass (two tickets per event), and access to all P.A.L.S. programming.
 - Students with a P.A.L.S. Full Scholarship are responsible for:
 - Completing the entire series of **10 half-hour private lessons** (5 for guitar)
 - Attending at least **one P.A.L.S. program masterclass or participate in P.A.L.S. Ensemble Experience;**
 - Attending at least **one P.A.L.S. event** (back-stage tour, pre-concert program notes review, recording session, etc.)
 - Attending a minimum of **five AMFS concerts/events** (orchestra concerts, studio classes, masterclasses, opera dress rehearsals (if available), excerpt classes, Chapel Chamber concerts, Spotlight series, Brass Bash and Wind Bash, etc.)
- **P.A.L.S. Partial Scholarship:** Students accepted with a partial scholarship will receive an AMFS P.A.L.S. Program season pass (two tickets per event), access to all P.A.L.S. programming, and access to a series of

10 half-hour private lessons with a dedicated P.A.L.S. teacher. Students are required to pay for the cost of the lessons, at the rate of \$18 per half-hour lesson, for a total of \$180 for lessons.

- Students with a P.A.L.S. Partial Scholarship are responsible for:
 - Completing the entire series of **10 half-hour private lessons** (5 for guitar)
 - Attending at least **one P.A.L.S. program masterclass or P.A.L.S. event OR participate in P.A.L.S. Ensemble Experience;**
 - Attending a minimum of **three AMFS concerts/events** (orchestra concerts, studio classes, masterclasses, opera dress rehearsals (if available), excerpt classes, Chapel Chamber concerts, Spotlight series, Brass Bash and Wind Bash, etc.)
- **P.A.L.S. Acceptance without Scholarship:** Students who are accepted into the P.A.L.S. Program without a scholarship are welcome to participate in all P.A.L.S. programming, but are required to pay for the series of 10 half-hour private lessons and an AMFS P.A.L.S. Program season pass. The lesson cost is \$18 per half-hour lesson, and the P.A.L.S. Program season pass cost is \$50, for a total program cost of \$230.
 - P.A.L.S. students accepted without scholarship are responsible for:
 - Completing the entire series of **10 half-hour private lessons** (5 for guitar)
 - Attending at least **two AMFS concert/events** (orchestra concerts, studio classes, masterclasses, opera dress rehearsals (if available), excerpt classes, Chapel Chamber concerts, Spotlight series, Brass Bash and Wind Bash, etc.)
 - There is no P.A.L.S. program event, masterclass, or P.A.L.S. Ensemble Experience requirement for non-aid students, however all students are strongly encouraged to attend.

Acceptance – Little P.A.L.S. Program

Acceptance into the **Little P.A.L.S Program** (students entering grades 1 through 5) falls into two categories: full scholarship and acceptance without scholarship.

- **Little P.A.L.S. Full Scholarship**** – Students accepted into the Little P.A.L.S. Program will receive a series of 5 half-hour private lessons with a dedicated P.A.L.S. teacher, an AMFS P.A.L.S. Program season pass (two tickets per event), and access to most P.A.L.S. programming.
 - Students with a Little P.A.L.S. Full Scholarship are responsible for:
 - Completing the entire series of **5 half-hour private lessons**
 - Attending a minimum of **four AMFS concerts/events** (orchestra concerts, studio classes, masterclasses, opera dress rehearsals (if available), excerpt classes, Chapel Chamber concerts, Spotlight series, Brass Bash and Wind Bash, etc.).
 - There is no P.A.L.S. program event, masterclass, or P.A.L.S. Ensemble Experience requirement for Little P.A.L.S. students, however all students are strongly encouraged to attend/participate.
- **Little P.A.L.S. Acceptance without Scholarship:** Students who are accepted into the Little P.A.L.S. Program without a scholarship are welcome to participate in all Little P.A.L.S. programming, but are required to pay for the series of 5 half-hour private lessons and an AMFS P.A.L.S. Program season pass. The lesson cost is \$18 per half-hour lesson, and the P.A.L.S. Program season pass cost is \$50, for a total program cost of \$140.
 - Little P.A.L.S. students accepted without scholarship are responsible for:
 - Completing the entire series of **5 half-hour private lessons**

- Attending a minimum of **one AMFS concert/event** (orchestra concerts, studio classes, masterclasses, opera dress rehearsals (if available), excerpt classes, Chapel Chamber concerts, Spotlight series, Brass Bash and Wind Bash, etc.).
 - There is no P.A.L.S. program event, masterclass, or P.A.L.S. Ensemble Experience requirement for Little P.A.L.S. students, however all students are strongly encouraged to attend/participate.

*** Preference for Little P.A.L.S. full scholarship spots will be given to elementary students enrolled in the AMFS's Beginning Strings program during the current school year.*

**** Because the demand for placement in the P.A.L.S. program is quite high, we are unable to accept all applicants into the program. Students who are not accepted into the P.A.L.S. Program are welcome to take advantage of the AMFS's Roaring Fork Valley Music Lesson Program (RFVMLP), which offers private lessons with the same pool of AMFS Fellowship teachers at very low rates (see details below).*

Student Responsibility

Please pay close attention to the Student Responsibility listings above within each Acceptance category. Please only apply to the Acceptance category at which you will be able to commit to the level of student responsibility required. It is important that students apply for the P.A.L.S. and Little P.A.L.S. programs only if they are able to fully complete the program requirements. Students who do not complete the program requirements may be responsible for paying for the cost of the unfulfilled program requirements, at the rate of \$18 per lesson and/or event.

If you are concerned that you may not be able to complete the entire series of private lessons required by the P.A.L.S. or Little P.A.L.S. programs, please consider instead taking private lessons through the AMFS's [Roaring Fork Valley Music Lesson Program](#) (RFVMLP). Students taking lessons through the RFVMLP are taught by the AMFS students/teachers (the same teachers that teach in the P.A.L.S. program) and pay \$25 per half-hour lesson. There is no lesson number requirement through the RFVMLP, nor is there an event or concert attendance requirement.

For more information and to apply for the Aspen Music Festival and School's 2016 P.A.L.S. Program:

<http://www.aspenmusicfestival.com/media/education-community/festival-for-kids/pals/>

If you have questions or require additional information about the P.A.L.S. Program, please contact

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