



Grant Guidelines & Application



Kate's Voice is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization that provides music therapy classes to students with special needs. Music therapy sessions offer students with special needs opportunities to develop a wide range of skills in the social, self-expression, communication, and gross and fine motor areas. And it's just a plain old fun environment for students to learn and enjoy themselves through the powerful medium of music.

The inspiration behind Kate's Voice comes from the founders' daughter Kate and her love for music. The sound and rhythm of music have always lifted Kate's spirit and enabled her to connect with the people around her. Music therapy has helped Kate develop her social and motor skills while adding joy to her school day. After seeing Kate and her classmates thrive with music therapy, her parents wanted to make music available to more special needs classrooms.

Kate's Voice is currently offering five full-year music therapy grants for the 2007-2008 school year. Deadline for grant submission is Friday, September 14, 2007. Kate's Voice will notify grant winners by Friday, September 21, 2007. Details and grant application follow below.

Teachers or administrators (in Massachusetts schools) of children with special needs can apply for the grant. The class should have between 5-15 students. It is possible to group together two or more special needs classes to fulfill the class size and/or to use the grant to its fullest potential (i.e. if there are two or three smaller classes in one space, you can combine them for the music sessions).



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The following information details the specifics behind each grant:

1. Grants will range from \$200 to \$2,200, depending on funding needs for the class (for example, is there other money available to supplement the grant? Does the school want to participate in cost-sharing?).
2. Music therapy classes are held every other week at the same location within your school. Teacher/s, teacher aides, and/or therapist must be present at class as appropriate for managing students.
3. A full year grant offers up to 22 sessions or approximately a session every other week. Each session runs for approximately 45 minutes.
4. School/teacher/class provides the musician with the approval of Kate's Voice (see below). Kate's Voice can also provide the name/s of musicians who provide music therapy.
5. Teacher and musician arrange the schedule with final approval by Kate's Voice.
6. Music therapy sessions should begin in October, 2007
7. Contract for independent contractor to be supplied by school.
8. You are eligible to apply for a Kate's Voice grant if you have received one in the past. Please note Kate's Voice provides a different application for this situation.

Selection Criteria

Ideally we would like to approve applications that meet the following criteria (but not necessarily in this order):

1. Overall thoughtfulness in answering questions -- specifically, do the applicants understand how and have a passion for how music can benefit their students?
2. The quality of the applicants' plans for integrating music into curriculum.
3. The student body of the class -- for example, would music therapy benefit the particular students in a way that would complement their education?
4. The general need for the students to have music therapy in their curriculum. In other words, do they attend music classes already? Do they have a chance to participate in school "specials," such as art, library, physical education, and so on.