



2026 Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation Scholarship Guidelines

This year, the Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation® is offering the following scholarships:

1. Prodigy Scholarship

Noel Schajris Scholarship

- The Prodigy Scholarship will be awarded to **one (1)** exceptional student interested in Latin music, that has severe financial limitations and has been **previously admitted to Berklee College of Music** in Boston to start in the **2026 Fall semester**.
- An award with an amount **of up to US \$50,000 annually**, on behalf of the student, will be sent for four consecutive years of **full-time study (16 credits minimum)** towards a bachelor's degree, and for a total amount **of up to US \$200,000** to cover tuition and room and board. Additionally, the student will receive wrap around services from the Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation valued at **\$50,000** during their studies.
- In order to qualify for continued assistance, the student must honor and maintain standards of excellence that will be assessed **every semester** of the four years of study.
- The selected student must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of **3.50 each semester**.
- Awarded students must comply with the *Student Scholarship Terms and Conditions Contract* of the Foundation.
- The Noel Schajris Scholarship cannot be used for online classes.
- All applicants must complete the Noel Schajris Scholarship application on the LGCF website, before the deadline.

2. Berklee & Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation Emerging Talent Scholarship

- The Berklee & Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation Emerging Talent Scholarship will be awarded to **one (1)** exceptional student interested in Latin music, that has severe financial limitations and has been **previously admitted to Berklee College of Music** in Boston to start in the **2026 Fall semester**.
- An award with an amount of up to **US \$275,000**, on behalf of the student, will be sent for four consecutive years of **full-time study** towards a bachelor's degree. Additionally, the student will become a Scholarship Ambassador of the Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation and receive wrap around services during their studies.
- The scholarship will cover tuition, comprehensive fee, required laptop fee/software bundle (freshman year only) and on-campus housing charges. This award replaces all previous Berklee scholarship/grant awards.
- In order to qualify for continued assistance, the student must honor and maintain standards of excellence that will be assessed **every semester** of the four years of study.
- The selected student must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of **3.50 each semester**.

- Awarded students must comply with the *Student Scholarship Terms and Conditions Contract* of the Foundation.
- The Berklee & Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation Emerging Talent Scholarship cannot be used for online classes.
- All applicants must complete the Berklee & Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation Emerging Talent Scholarship application on the LGCF website, before the deadline.

3. Gifted Tuition Scholarships

Kany Garcia Scholarship

Manolo Díaz Scholarship

Celia Cruz Legacy Scholarship

- The Gifted Tuition Scholarships will support **three (3)** talented music students (1 per scholarship type), interested in Latin music who require financial assistance to start their musical education at college or university degree level in **2026 Fall semester**.
- Students applying to the Gifted Tuition Scholarships (Kany Garcia Scholarship, Manolo Díaz Scholarship, and the Celia Cruz Legacy Scholarship) must be admitted to the college or university of their choice for the Fall 2026 semester.
- Those who demonstrate the most talent, perseverance, and determination will be selected from a competitive pool of international applicants by the Scholarships Committee.
- The award will cover four consecutive years of **full-time study** towards a bachelor's degree in the music institution at college level that the recipient was admitted in.
- Each scholarship recipient will receive an award **for up to US \$25,000 annually**, for four years of **full-time study**, payable by semester, towards a Bachelor's Degree and for a **total amount of up to US \$100,000** to cover tuition and room and board. Additionally, the student will receive wrap around services from the Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation valued at **\$20,000** during their studies.
- In order to qualify for continued assistance, each recipient must honor and maintain standards of excellence that will be assessed **every semester** of the four years of study.
- The students selected to receive the Gifted Tuition Scholarship must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of **3.50 each semester of study**.
- Awarded students must comply with the *Student Scholarship Terms and Conditions Contract* of the Foundation in order to continue to receive the award for each semester.
- The Gifted Tuition Scholarship cannot be used for online classes.
- All applicants must complete the Gifted Scholarship Applications on the LGCF website before the deadline.

4. Tuition Assistance Scholarship

- The Tuition Assistance Scholarships will be awarded to aspiring talented music students, with interest in Latin music, with financial limitations pursuing, starting, or continuing a degree in music at the college or university of their choice.
- The recipients will be selected by the Scholarship Committee from an international pool of candidates.
- The Tuition Assistance Scholarships will support **several** students per year.
- This scholarship holds a maximum value between **\$7,500 and \$12,500** annually for tuition costs and wrap around services provided by the Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation. Final award

amount with details will be provided to those selected. The scholarship will cover all or part of any tuition costs not covered by other scholarships. Students interested in applying must be previously admitted or studying a degree in music at the college or university of their choice for Fall 2026. All applicants must upload their acceptance letter to the online scholarship application.

- All scholarship recipients must honor and maintain standards of excellence that will be assessed **every semester** and maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of **3.00 each semester of study**.
- Awarded students must comply with the *Student Scholarship Terms and Conditions Contract* of the Foundation.
- The Tuition Assistance Scholarship cannot be used for online classes.
- One (1) Tuition Assistance Scholarship will be sponsored by **Bulova**.
- All applicants must complete the Tuition Assistance Scholarships Application on the LGCF website before the deadline.

- Applicants who are interested in applying for multiple 2026 Scholarships, must complete separate applications for each scholarship.
- All interested students must complete the application process by the deadline of **April 10th, 2026, at 11:59pm ET**. Applications that are late, incomplete, or not within the guidelines will not be reviewed.
- The scholarship selection and award process will be guided by a Scholarship Committee formed by Latin music experts.
- Each applicant must submit YouTube links of two (2) video auditions playing two (2) pieces of Latin music genres as a soloist, with an accompanist or a small ensemble.
 - i The first piece performed should be in a medium tempo and the second piece in a fast tempo. If you can, improvise a minimum of two choruses. Improvisation is not a requisite, but it is welcomed.
 - ii The two required pieces should not last more than 15 minutes. Original compositions can be included as a third optional piece.
 - iii All applicants must clearly identify themselves in all recordings so that the Scholarship Committee can fairly identify the applicant and evaluate each performance.
- Each applicant must submit two (2) letters of recommendation from the applicant's music teachers or music instructors describing the applicant's academic and musical performance levels.
- Payments of Scholarship Awards will be made by the Foundation directly to the music institution on behalf of the scholarship recipient and will be made on a semester basis. Awarded students must send to the LGCF their official student invoices and payment calendars of their music institutions upon receiving notification of the scholarship.
- If the applicants have been also awarded scholarships by their music institution or other organizations, they must upload their awarded scholarship letters to the LGCF application.
- The LGCF reserves the right to ask the applicant for additional information.
- The LGCF does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, disability, or age.
- All LGCF scholarships must be used within a maximum of 6 months of being awarded (start on Fall 2026 or no later than Spring 2027).
- Please note that all applicants who receive awards from LGCF must comply with our *Student Scholarship Terms and Conditions Contract* below.

Student Scholarship Terms and Conditions Contract

1. The scholarship awarded amount will be paid to the music education institution, on a semester basis, on behalf of the awarded student.
2. The awarded students will become Scholarship Ambassadors of the LGCF and will be joining in promoting its mission, service to communities, and furthering its good works.
3. The scholarship recipients may be invited by the LGCF to participate in performances involving other scholarship recipients. They may also be invited to participate in special events and press conferences intended to publicize the scholarship program of the LGCF and the achievements of the recipients.
4. All awarded students must send to the LGCF their grades at the end of each semester of study. We also require at the end of each semester a letter of recommendation from the students' private instructor or ensemble professor and a description of the activities in which the student was involved in at the music institution and/or with the LGCF. All of this information must be submitted at the end of each semester. If all of these requirements are met, the student may continue to receive his or her scholarship for the following semesters or can re-apply.

5. Students awarded the **Noel Schajris Scholarship**, or any of the **Gifted Tuition Scholarships** must be enrolled in full-time study with a minimum of **16 credits each semester** for **8 consecutive semesters** (4 years of study).
6. Students awarded the **Noel Schajris Scholarship**, or any of the **Gifted Tuition Scholarships** must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of **3.50 per semester**. Students awarded the **Tuition Assistance Scholarship** must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of **3.00 per semester**.
7. Recipients must **NOT** be in disciplinary probation, academic probation or receive D or F grades at any time with the music institution that the scholarship was granted. If this happens, the scholarship will be forfeited and cannot be recouped.
8. The scholarship awarded will be used in the principal instrument that the student auditioned for, unless a change of principal instrument is recommended by his or her private instruction professor, the Department Dean or Director, and is approved by the LGCF.
9. Recipients must enroll in an institutional group or ensemble that incorporates Latin music each year of his/her studies.
10. If a recipient is given an award other than one by the Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation® Scholarship, he/she must inform the LGCF of that award in writing.
11. If during his/her studies the scholarship recipient funded by the LGCF receives a proposal of sponsorship by a commercial brand, or other sponsorships, the recipient must submit the proposal to the LGCF for approval.
12. Upon notification of the scholarship, all awarded students will receive via email a W-8BEN tax form if they reside outside the United States or a W-9 tax form if they reside in the United States. All completed tax documents must be returned via email to the LGCF. If the LGCF does not receive the tax document from the student, the scholarship will be rescinded.
13. All awarded students must send the LGCF an official tuition invoice from the music institution, an official payment calendar with the payment due dates, and a W-8BEN E tax form if the music institution is outside the United States or a W-9 tax form if the music institution is in the United States.
14. All LGCF scholarships are NOT transferable and must be used at the music institution or university to which it was awarded.

By signing the *Student Scholarship Terms and Conditions Contract*, the student accepts the scholarship awarded by the Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation® and agrees to all the terms and conditions in this document.

If you wish to apply for various 2026 Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation Scholarships, please complete a separate application for each scholarship.

The scholarship selection and award process will be guided by a Scholarship Committee formed by Latin music experts.

The deadline to apply for the 2026 Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation Scholarships is April 10th, 2026.

If you have any questions after reviewing the guidelines, please write to lgcf@grammy.com