

Pathways Auditions, Updated Spring 2025

WHAT IS EASTMAN PATHWAYS?

Pathways is a scholarship program for RCSD music students. Scholarships cover private lessons, ensembles and classes at the Eastman Community Music School.

HOW DOES A STUDENT JOIN PATHWAYS?

Students must apply and audition to be accepted into the Pathways Program. Below are the steps for the application process:

- 1. Student must be in 4-11 grades and currently enrolled at an RCSD school**
2. Student fills out **online application** (includes family tax/income information)
3. RCSD Teacher submits online **Teacher Recommendation**
4. Student performs a live **audition** at end of April
5. Audition results emailed in mid-May

Visit www.esm.rochester.edu/pathways for the online recommendation and application forms.

DEADLINES 2023

Application Deadline: Tuesday, April 14, 2025

Audition Dates: Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4, 2025

Audition Location: Eastman Community Music School, 10 Gibbs Street, Rochester NY

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Scholarships are awarded on a sliding scale basis. Families who make under \$40,000 will automatically be awarded a full scholarship.

DID YOU KNOW? All Pathways students are eligible for a full collegiate scholarship to the Eastman School of Music, pending their successful completion of Pathways and acceptance into Eastman.

WHERE DO LESSONS/CLASSES HAPPEN?

Students take lessons, classes and ensembles at the Eastman Community School on Gibbs Street.

WHEN AND WHERE ARE THE AUDITIONS?

Students will be prompted to choose an audition date and time as part of the online application.

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WHAT DOES THE STUDENT PLAY FOR THE AUDITION?

VOCAL AUDITION:

1. Perform vocal warmups
2. Perform a NYSSMA solo (level 1 or higher)*

***Singers** may choose any solo from the NYSSMA manual, or equivalent repertoire from the standard classical, musical theater or jazz repertoire at the discretion of their teachers. The student may also choose one of the standard songs on the list below:

America (My Country, 'tis of Thee)
Simple Gifts
De Colores
Follow the Drinking Gourd

INSTRUMENTAL AUDITION :

1. 2-3 scales of the student's choice OR basic rudiments for percussionists/drummers
2. NYSSMA solo (level 1 or higher) **OR** choose a Method Book selection from the list provided.

String Method Book Selections for Pathways auditions:

Essential Elements Book 1

Banana Boat Song – Page 30 #117
Surprise Symphony Theme – Page 42 #182
Simple Gifts (Part A) – Page 45 #192
Minuet No. 1 (Solo) – Page 46 #193

Band Method Book Selections for Pathways auditions:

Sound Innovations Book 1 – Winds

Surprise Symphony – Page 37 #166
Scarborough Fair (Solo) – Page 39 #173
Molly Malone (Part A) – Page 30 #175
O Canada – Page 42 #181

Sound Innovations Book 1 – Percussion

Ode to Joy (snare) - Page 27 #107
Alouette (snare) - Page 32 #134
Just For Drums (Snare Solo) - Page 39 #173
Grant Us Peace (snare) - Page 42 #182

Vocal Selections for Pathways auditions:

Any NYSSMA Solo or standard jazz,
classical or musical theater repertoire

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