

The Virgin Islands Consortium

Deadline to Apply for Music Lesson Scholarships From G-Clef Music Academy and Street Level VI is Sept. 30

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G-Clef Music Academy and Street Level VI have partnered to provide music education scholarship opportunities for youth and adult residents of St. Thomas and St. Croix, with an application deadline of Sept. 30. Apply [here](#).

Music education scholarships are open to St. Thomas youth (ages 3 to 17) and adults (ages 30 and up). All applicants will receive a free, one-hour music lesson. The following scholarships will be awarded based on each island.

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St. Thomas

One adult will be rewarded a one-year scholarship of weekly one-hour in-person group piano lessons that take place on Thursdays at 1:00 pm. They are also seeking to award one youth (ages 3 to 17) a one-year scholarship of weekly in-person private music lessons in either piano, guitar, drums, steel pan, voice (singing), ukulele or Music Exploration (for ages 3 to 5).

St. Croix

Two St. Croix teens (ages 3 to 17) can receive a one-year scholarship of weekly in-person private music lessons in either piano, guitar, drums, voice (singing), ukulele or music exploration (for ages 3 to 5).

According to Street Level VI Founder Priscilla Lynn, "SLVI is a 'go-to' source for the Live Music Scene in the USVI. Musicians and bands are showcased in announcements of upcoming performances, news of accomplishments, and brief video clips on our Facebook Page. In addition, SLVI awards scholarships and distributes donations to island youth music education programs."

G-Clef Music Academy has been teaching students of all ages how to play music for over 10 years, according to the release. The academy has been teaching a variety of instruments to beginners and students of various levels. SLVI said it will review all scholarship applications. Winners will be notified regarding beginning lessons in October. All awarded applications must be first-time students of G-Clef Music Academy on St. Thomas and St. Croix. Scheduling of music lessons is based on availability, according to the release.

Academy Director James H. Gumbs, Jr. said, "We are very grateful that SLVI is providing support to G-Clef Music Academy and VI residents to ensure that they receive the benefits of music education. Scientific research has proven that playing a music instrument strengthens brain functions. Music also brings a sense of discipline and builds self-confidence. Learning music as an adult has benefits as well. Research shows that the brain maintains the ability to change, so older adults can learn how to play an instrument even if they never played one before."

G-Clef is located on St. Thomas in Mandela Circle and on St. Croix in the Sunny Isle Shopping Center.