



GRAMMY FOUNDATION®

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**PRESS RELEASE**

## **THE GRAMMY FOUNDATION® LAUNCHES ONLINE APPLICATIONS FOR GRAMMY IN THE SCHOOLS® PROGRAMS**

*Oct. 22 is the Deadline to Apply for GRAMMY Camp® — Jazz Session, GRAMMY® Signature Schools and Early Decision for GRAMMY Camp*

*GRAMMY Foundation® to Host a Series of Informational Calls to Assist Applicants*

**SANTA MONICA, Calif. (Sept. 24, 2015)** — The GRAMMY Foundation® is currently accepting applications for its **2016 GRAMMY Camp®**, **GRAMMY Camp — Jazz Session** and **GRAMMY® Signature Schools** programs for high school students and high school music programs. These programs are part of the Foundation's **GRAMMY in the Schools®** offerings and are supported in part by **Converse, Journeys, RBC Capital Markets, Brookfield Property Partners, Hot Topic Foundation**, and the **Ford Motor Company Fund**.

"All of our GRAMMY in the Schools programs offer inspiration along with valuable instruction and significant resources to help encourage the next generation of music professionals," said Neil Portnow, President/CEO of The Recording Academy® and the GRAMMY Foundation. "GRAMMY Camp and GRAMMY Camp — Jazz Session deliver truly immersive experiences that let high school students eat, sleep and breathe a real world music career, and our GRAMMY Signature Schools program provides public acknowledgement and critical financial resources to high schools for the benefit of their music programs."

Students and schools interested in participating in the **2016 GRAMMY Camp — Jazz Session** and **GRAMMY Signature Schools** programs can apply at [www.grammyintheschools.com](http://www.grammyintheschools.com). Completed applications are **due Oct. 22** for both programs. Oct. 22 is also the **early decision deadline** for students interested in attending the 12th annual GRAMMY Camp to be held in summer 2016.

**If you have questions about how to apply, join us for an info session.** GRAMMY Foundation staff will be available to answer your questions on an informational conference call on the following dates:

**Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 4 p.m. PT/7 p.m. ET**

GRAMMY Camp Informational Call: A Camper's Perspective

**Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 5 p.m. PT/8 p.m. ET**

GRAMMY Camp — Jazz Session Informational Call: A Student's Perspective

**Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 4 p.m. PT/7 p.m. ET**

GRAMMY Camp — Jazz Session Informational Call: How To Avoid Common Application Mistakes

**Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 5 p.m. PT/8 p.m. ET**

GRAMMY Signature Schools: How To Avoid Common Application Mistakes

**Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 4 p.m. PT/7 p.m. ET**

GRAMMY Camp — Jazz Session: How To Prepare Your Audition

**Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 5 p.m. PT/8 p.m. ET**

GRAMMY Signature Schools Informational Call: How To Complete Your Application In A Weekend

To RSVP for one of the calls visit [www.grammyintheschools.com](http://www.grammyintheschools.com) or email [areyounext@grammy.com](mailto:areyounext@grammy.com).

### **GRAMMY Camp — Jazz Session**

High school (public, private, parochial, homeschool, etc.) singers and instrumentalists are encouraged to audition for **GRAMMY Camp — Jazz Session**. Selectees will receive an **all-expenses-paid trip** to Los Angeles, the host city for the 58th Annual GRAMMY Awards®, Feb. 6–16, 2016. Students will **perform** at high-profile GRAMMY Week events and

recording sessions and will attend the 58th Annual GRAMMY Awards telecast on Feb. 15, 2016. Students are also eligible for college scholarships through the college incentive program offered by program partners Berklee College of Music, Manhattan School of Music, the New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music, and USC Thornton School of Music. The GRAMMY Camp — Jazz Session program receives additional support from the Ella Fitzgerald Charitable Foundation, Zildjian, Capitol Recording Studios (EMI Music), CenterStaging, and Guitar Center.

### GRAMMY Signature Schools

Just as the GRAMMY Award recognizes excellence in recording, the **GRAMMY Foundation's GRAMMY Signature Schools** program recognizes top public high schools across the country for outstanding commitment to their music education programs. Each of the GRAMMY Signature Schools will receive a custom award and a monetary grant to benefit its music program. The top programs are designated Gold recipients, and the best of the Gold recipients is designated the National GRAMMY Signature School. For economically underserved schools, the GRAMMY Foundation established the **Enterprise Award** category to recognize the efforts in music education made by these schools. GRAMMY Signature Schools recipients are determined by the Blue Ribbon Committee, a panel of top music educators and professionals.

The GRAMMY Foundation has also established the **GRAMMY Signature Schools Community Award**, an extension of the GRAMMY Signature Schools program. Through this alliance, the GRAMMY Foundation identifies deserving public high school music programs to receive the award and a \$2,000 grant. To date, approximately \$1 million in grants has been distributed to nearly 500 schools.

### GRAMMY Camp

The program offers selected high school students an interactive summer music experience. Focusing on all aspects of commercial music, this unique opportunity provides instruction by industry professionals in an immersive creative environment with cutting-edge technology in professional facilities. The program offers seven music career tracks: Audio Engineering; Electronic Music Production; Music Business; Music Journalism; a Performance Track for Bass, Drums, Guitar, Keyboard, Vocal, and Winds & Strings; Songwriting; and Video Production & Motion Graphics. All tracks culminate in media projects, recordings and/or showcase performances. Early decision applicants for GRAMMY Camp will receive a 10 percent tuition discount if selected to attend GRAMMY Camp. They receive this discount whether they are selected as part of the early decision process or drawn from the regular applicant pool. Applicants not selected via early decision will be reconsidered with the final pool of applications. The final GRAMMY Camp application deadline is March 31, 2016. In the past, approximately 90 percent of GRAMMY Camp participants who have applied for financial aid received assistance.

The GRAMMY Foundation was established in 1988 to cultivate the understanding, appreciation and advancement of the contribution of recorded music to American culture. The Foundation accomplishes this mission through programs and activities that engage the music industry and cultural community as well as the general public. The Foundation works in partnership year-round with its founder, The Recording Academy, to bring national attention to important issues such as the value and impact of music and arts education and the urgency of preserving our rich cultural heritage. In recognition of the significant role of teachers in shaping their students' musical experiences, the GRAMMY Foundation and The Recording Academy have partnered to present an annual Music Educator Award. Open to current U.S. music teachers in K through college, the Music Educator Award will be given out during GRAMMY Week 2016. For more information about our music education programs, please visit [www.grammyintheschools.com](http://www.grammyintheschools.com). For breaking news and exclusive content, please "like" GRAMMY in the Schools on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/grammyintheschools](http://www.facebook.com/grammyintheschools), follow the GRAMMY Foundation on Twitter @GRAMMYFdn at [www.twitter.com/GRAMMYFdn](http://www.twitter.com/GRAMMYFdn) and join us on Instagram @GRAMMYFdn.

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