



SUPPORT THE LAUNCH OF NEW SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DISADVANTAGED YOUTH UNDER THE SYMPHONY PROGRAM

SYMPHONY PROGRAM

The Symphony Program is a social integration and enrichment program enabled through music and is a component of the active “Presence Program” for the integrated development of disadvantaged communities across Hungary. Both programs are run by the Hungarian Charity Service of the Order of Malta. The Symphony Program develops primary school children’s psychosocial skills and academic achievement through in person instrumental activities, orchestra activities and shared musical experiences.

SYMPHONY SCHOLARSHIP

The Symphony Scholarship of the Order of Malta will provide financial support and mentoring for disadvantaged students, who are talented, have completed primary school, and would like to continue studying. Once students graduate from primary school, their main opportunity for development is to attend secondary school in a nearby larger city, but this involves boarding. Although room and board can be free of charge, practical experience shows that many children’s families cannot afford the extra costs of a child living away from home (e.g. travel, extra food, clothing, school supplies, etc.). The scholarship is open to all students participating in the Symphony Program, who are studying at a specialised music-oriented high school or who will start studying at such a high school in the academic year 2024-2025.

Research shows that 14–18-year-olds are particularly vulnerable, especially as they are no longer within the protective sphere of the elementary school and the wider community and so ongoing mentoring, and some form of community attachment are of paramount importance. During the school year, mentoring would be provided by the professional leaders of the Symphony Program and by volunteers, and would cover general counselling, maintain motivation, counsel on money management, and liaison with the school and family.

In addition to a requirement to maintain good academic progress and be open to mentoring, scholarship holders need to commit to helping younger children participating in the Symphony Program at a local level. Applications would be judged by a three-member committee. Winners would sign a contract detailing the terms and conditions of the scholarship. All expenses would be confirmed by the assigned mentor on a regular basis.

BUDGET

The budget presented is for two full years of scholarship and for up to 15 students or about 500,000 Ft per student per year. Actual deployment will depend on the amount received through this fundraising campaign.

Scholarships for two years: (35,000 Ft per month per student)	12,600,000 Ft
Supervision sessions and events related to scholarship for two years	1,400,000 Ft
TOTAL	14,000,000 Ft

*More Information on the Symphony Program: www.maltaiszimfonia.hu
More Information on the Presence Program: www.jelenlet.maltai.hu*

