



# Music Matters

## License Plates

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### How do I know if my school is participating?

- If the school has registered, it will be on file at the WMEA office (425-712-9632 or [musicmatters@wmea.org](mailto:musicmatters@wmea.org)).
- Schools that have not registered will be invited to sign up when anyone designates that school.
- Music teachers wishing to register their school can go to [www.wmea.org/subcontent.aspx?SecID=896](http://www.wmea.org/subcontent.aspx?SecID=896), print out the form, complete it (including signatures and the requested information) and send it in. We'll run it through quickly and credit the school. It's an EASY process.

#### How is the money distributed?

- **\$16.80 goes to the designated school.**
- \$4.20 goes to Young Musicians Excelling, a fund established to assist needy music students statewide with WMEA student event participation costs.
- \$2.80 goes to the "pool" fund described below.
- \$2 is retained by the Department of Licensing for administrative costs (\$12 the first year only).
- \$4.20 goes to Music Aid Northwest and WMEA for *Music Matters* marketing, promotional and fund-administration expenses.

#### How does the school receive the money that is designated to it?

- Once the schools are registered, checks will be sent quarterly to the name and address listed on the school's registration.

#### What happens to the funds if my school of choice does not choose to register?

- Funds designated to schools not registering within 90 days of being invited will be assigned to the "pool" funds that will be set aside for later use to assist schools with extreme difficulties supporting music programs.
- An application system will be developed for pool funds when enough money is available in the pool to make a meaningful difference for those kinds of schools.

#### Will renewals benefit my school?

- We will have a reminder system to renew and confirm the designated school. As long as the purchaser wishes, the funds will continue with a given school.
- Some purchasers may wish to change their designated school as students progress through the grades, others may not. We will honor requests each year from each purchaser when they update their renewal.

#### How do purchasers communicate their school of choice to receive the funds?

- Once they have the vehicle registration showing their name, address and plate number, they should make a copy, and on that copy do the following:
  - Write the school of choice and its city on the registration copy.
  - Write the purchaser's e-mail address on the registration copy.
  - Send the registration to WMEA by mail or fax as shown below in the right-hand box.
  - A reminder will be sent annually one month before the license renewal is due; once renewed, the purchaser simply sends the new registration copy with the requested information and that school will receive the funds.

#### Do I need to wait until my tabs are up for renewal?

- No, you can purchase the plates at any time for \$40. At each successive annual renewal, the added fee will be \$30.

#### What special plates or messages are available?

- Personalized message (normal fees apply)—you can keep the message you have
- Motorcycle plates
- Truck plates

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