



Merit School of Music – Piano Donation Policy 2023-2024

Merit School of Music is pleased to accept the highest quality grand/baby grand pianos for our piano program. However, Merit School of Music is fortunate to have enough upright and smaller pianos at this time so cannot accept many piano donations directly to Merit. In many cases, however, your donation would be greatly appreciated by one of the many Merit families in need of a piano. Many of our piano students practice on keyboards at home as the cost of an acoustic piano is often not financially viable. For families such as these, receiving a donated piano can be a transformational event in their child's music education. If you would like to donate your piano to a Merit family, we would be most grateful. Here are several important considerations:

1. Your piano donation and moving expenses are not tax-deductible as the donation is to a family, and not a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.
2. We ask that you cover moving expenses (usually \$275-\$475) for the piano.

If donating your piano to a Merit family is of interest, please provide the following information:

1. Make/Model/Serial Number
2. Any damage your piano may have sustained
3. Date of its most recent tuning and how often it was tuned
4. Pictures of both the inside and outside of the piano
5. Upload a video testing all keys and demonstrating the damper pedal function by playing a few chords while holding damper pedal down
6. Any other relevant information you wish to share

The family that receives your piano will be sincerely grateful and your generosity will make a tremendous difference for the student(s)!