

The NAMM Foundation and The College Music Society invite you to apply to participate in the 2024 NAMM-CMS Fellows Program, scheduled during **The 2024 NAMM Show in Anaheim, California, Jan. 25-28, 2024.**

Submission Guidelines

Application Opens: June. 15 | Submission Deadline: Oct. 10 | Notifications: Nov. 1, 2023

About the Award

The NAMM Foundation-College Music Society Fellows Program seeks to support individuals who exhibit commitment to, and aptitude for, developing curricula related to business leadership and innovation in music, pro-audio, and event technology. The Award is given each year to selected college and university music faculty who demonstrate strong interest in expanding their knowledge about the music products, music production, and event industries.

Eligibility

- Applicant must be a current member of The College Music Society (CMS).
- Applicant must be currently employed as a faculty member in a community college, college, or university music program, with plans for continued employment during the 2023-2024 academic year.
- The program seeks representation from each region of The College Music Society, as well as its international members.
- Preference is given to applicants who are interested in creating opportunities for their students to interact with the music industry as part of their college-to-career exploration.
- Preference will also be given to applicants from institutions that serve traditionally underrepresented student populations.

The Award

Selected applicants will receive a **\$500 stipend** to help offset expenses to travel to The NAMM Show in Anaheim, CA, Jan. 25-28, 2024.

The Program

The NAMM Foundation-CMS Fellows will attend NAMM-curated sessions and industry panels on the music products industry, music technology, music business, and internship and career opportunities for students. Fellows will participate in the GenNext program, which convenes 2,500+ college music students and faculty for career exploration workshops and events. Additionally, Fellows will have opportunities to attend professional development sessions, networking events, and a special faculty mixer hosted by The NAMM Foundation. Fellows are encouraged to explore the tradeshow floor and to network with industry professionals.

Following The NAMM Show, NAMM-CMS Fellows will continue to participate as members of the Fellows Alumni by (1) completing NAMM Foundation's post-event survey, 2) submitting proposals for presentation as part of GenNext, 3) encouraging students to attend The NAMM Show in Anaheim, CA, and 4) by educating colleagues and administration about the benefits of bringing students to The NAMM Show.

Submission Instructions

Applications must be submitted online no later than Oct. 10, 2023 at 11:59 PDT. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Please complete all sections of the online application and upload all required materials. **Please note, if you have a Cybergrants record associated with another NAMM Foundation Award, please create a new record and "start a new application" via the link for The NAMM Foundation CMS Fellows Award.** Only completed applications submitted by the stated deadline will be considered. Thank you for your cooperation.

1. **Apply via Cybergrants**

https://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/ao_login.login?x_gm_id=2807&x_proposal_type_id=93976

2. **Log in or Create an Account:** First time users click on "Create your password" to set-up an account.
3. Scroll down to the bottom of the Welcome Page and click **"Start a New Application."**
4. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** For field "Organization name" enter your first and last name and not the name of your college or university
6. Upload your CV
7. Explain your interest in the music products industry, including any industry-related classes or co-curricular activities that currently exist at your institution or that are in development, and that provides the following information about you and your accomplishments:
 - How a NAMM Foundation-CMS Fellowship experience will support your professional development and efforts to support students in their plans for careers in music.
 - Your plans for developing or expanding music business offerings in your program including ways to engage students with the music industry.
 - Why you feel you are qualified to be a recipient of The NAMM Foundation-CMS Fellows Award.

If you have any questions while completing your application, please contact Sharon Bryant at sharonb@namm.org.

If you are selected, you will be notified by **Nov. 1, 2023**. A signed and returned grant agreement letter will be required. After this signed agreement and W9 are received by The NAMM Foundation, funds (\$500) will be disbursed to help cover travel expenses to The NAMM Show in Anaheim, CA, Jan. 25-28, 2024. **Please note that Award Recipients will receive complimentary badges to The NAMM Show. Fellows are responsible for their own transportation and housing arrangements.** Should you leave your position prior to completing the Fall 2023 semester and/or not be employed for the Spring 2024 semester, the award is forfeited, and funds must be returned to The NAMM Foundation.

Award recipients will be required to submit a post event survey of their experience no later than Feb.1, 2024. Report requirements and submission details will be available online.

Awards are given once and are not renewable; recipients are not eligible to reapply for the same award.

For questions regarding the NAMM-CMS Fellows Program, please feel free to contact Claire Kreger-Boaz, NAMM Foundation Senior Project Manager at ClaireK@NAMM.org