



# Music Matters

## License Plates

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### How do I purchase my very own Music Matters license plate?

- Go to [www.dol.wa.gov](http://www.dol.wa.gov)
- Click on: Get WA License Plates
- Click on: Special Plates
- Click on: Special Design Plates
- Click on: Interests and Hobbies
- Click on: Music Matters
- Download a Special License Plate Application
- Contact a Vehicle Licensing Office to learn the total cost of your plates
- Submit your completed application and fees:
  - At a vehicle licensing office
  - OR
  - By mail to  
Vehicle Licensing  
Department of Licensing  
PO Box 9909  
Olympia, WA 98507-8500

#### Who can purchase a plate?

- Any Washington state vehicle owner.
- Plates may be transferred from vehicle to vehicle as long as the registered owner remains the same.
- Personalized plates are available (normal fees apply—current personalized plates can be transferred to Music Matters plates).
- Plates may also be purchased for trucks or motorcycles.

#### Where do the proceeds from the plates go?

- Funds are earmarked for assisting music departments and students in K-12 public schools.
- The majority of money is distributed via grants to schools where the music programs are in dire need of additional funding.

#### Can I designate a school to receive funds from my plate?

- Yes. Simply follow the instructions below and 60% of the purchase price (after DOL charges) will be sent to the school of your choice. If the school has not registered to receive funds, the school music educator will be contacted and invited to join the process.
- Funds designated to schools not registering will be assigned to the grant funds that will be set aside for use to assist schools with extreme difficulties supporting music programs.
- Grant funds will be distributed annually to schools whose music departments are struggling to improve and that apply for a grant. Schools will be selected by a select committee appointed by Music Aid Northwest and WMEA.

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

- Once a purchaser has the vehicle registration showing name, address and plate number, he or she should make a photocopy, and on that copy do the following:
  1. **Write the school of choice and its city on the registration copy.**
  2. **Write the purchaser's e-mail address on the registration copy.** (For internal use only—will not be shared).
  3. **Send the registration to WMEA by mail, fax or scan/email as shown below in the right-hand box.**
- A reminder will be sent annually one month before the license renewal is due; once the plate is renewed, the purchaser simply sends the new registration copy confirming or changing the school, and that school will receive the funds.

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