

Where should I donate my unused piano?

Chicagoland-specific and other national resources

Consumer sites specific to pianos:

PianoAdoption.com

A Freecycle-type site for piano owners to list pianos to donate to individuals who search the site. Serves the 50 US states and England.

<http://pianoadoption.com>

Foundation sites specific to pianos:

Cordogan's Pianoland

Cordogan's Pianoland helps find organizations that will take pianos in the Chicagoland area. They will take pianos that are valued at \$1000 or more.

<http://www.chicagopianos.com/community.htm>

PianoForte Chicago

PianoForte Piano Donation Program serves Chicago low-income communities. If your piano is less than 20 years old, they may accept the donation. If the piano was made prior to that, please see one of the other foundation sites.

<https://pianofortechicago.com/partwithmypiano/>

Pianos for Education

Pianos for Education takes pianos from all 50 United States. They will not, however, take spinet pianos less than 40" in height, or square grands. There is a list of non-accepted brands at the link below. If your piano is accepted, they will pick up the piano at no cost to you.

<http://pianosforeducation.org/piano-donation-process-how-it-works>

Piano Finders

Piano Finders helps place pianos from the 48 continental United States with non-profit organizations. They accept upright pianos that are less than 20 years old or grands with established brand names.

<http://www.pianofinders.com/owners/donation.htm>

Beethoven Foundation

Beethoven Foundation serves the United States. Their website says they will take donated pianos but does not give information on how to do so or where their foundation is located. You would need to contact them via their contact page.

<http://www.beethovenfoundation.com/aboutus>

Society of Unique Artists

Society of Unique Artists serves all 50 United States. They will pick up your piano at no cost to you if it is accepted. The application requires photos of the inside and outside of your piano. They only take pianos that are less than 30-40 years old.

<https://suartists.org/index.php/support/piano-donations/>

Collectibles with Causes

Collectibles with Causes, created by the Giving Center, will accept most instruments in most conditions. Donations are handled on a case by case basis. Their website indicates that they will arrange pick up for items that are too large to ship.

<https://www.collectibleswithcauses.org/musical-instrument-donations.html>

Other Chicagoland organizations that promote music education that may be interested:

The following sites do not list specific information about donating pianos, but given their missions, they may be worth contacting.

Chicago Center for Music Education

<http://www.chimemusic.org/donate.html>

The People's Music School

<https://peoplesmusicschool.org/who-we-are/mission-vision-values/>

(Former Chicagoland resource, **Keys 4/4 Kids**, used to take pianos, but now is only able to service the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. Please see <http://keys44kids.net/donate-a-piano/>.)

What should I do if I still cannot find a donor?

Repurposing Unusable Pianos

<http://www.architectureartdesigns.com/26-diy-inventive-ideas-how-to-repurpose-old-pianos/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/140806216506256/>

<http://morgancafe.homestead.com/headboard.html>