



MUSIC FOCUS SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING LLC

Music Focus Scholarship Description

The Music Focus Scholarship is a prestigious award designed to nurture and support the next generation of musical talent. Established with the vision of fostering a vibrant musical community, the scholarship is committed to providing financial assistance to graduating high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding talent, dedication, and a deep passion for music.

The Music Focus Scholarship is more than just a financial award; it is an investment in the future of music. By supporting talented young musicians as they transition from high school to college, the scholarship aims to ensure that the next generation of artists, educators, and composers will continue to enrich our world with their music.

Eligibility Requirements:

To be eligible for the Music Focus Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. **Graduating High School Seniors:** Applicants must be in their final year of high school and set to graduate in the current academic year.
2. **Pursuing Higher Education:** Applicants must have been accepted into an accredited college or university for the upcoming academic year.
3. **Music Major or Minor Students:** We encourage applications from students who plan to major or minor in music, whether in performance, composition, music education, or any related field. These students should demonstrate a strong commitment to pursuing a career or continued involvement in music and have a history of musical excellence. Additionally, we welcome students who, while pursuing a minor in music, have actively studied music throughout high school and

intend to continue their musical pursuits in college, such as participating in a college band, orchestra, choir, or other musical activities.

Selection Criteria:

Recipients of the Music Focus Scholarship will be chosen based on the following factors:

1. **Musical Achievement:** Applicants must demonstrate exceptional skill and dedication to music through performances, awards, and recognitions received during their high school years. This includes participation in school bands, orchestras, choirs, or other musical ensembles, as well as solo performances.
2. **Academic Excellence:** A strong academic record is essential. While musical talent is the primary focus, a solid academic background indicates the applicant's overall discipline and readiness for higher education.
3. **Passion and Commitment:** Applicants should convey a genuine passion for music and a clear commitment to continuing their musical journey in college. This can be demonstrated through personal statements, letters of recommendation, and involvement in music-related activities.
4. **Community Involvement:** Engagement in musical or arts-related community service or extracurricular activities is highly valued. Applicants who have used their musical talents to contribute to their community, such as teaching, performing at community events, or participating in charitable music programs, will be given special consideration.

Award Details:

The Music Focus Scholarship provides financial support to help cover tuition, fees, and other educational expenses. The scholarship amount may vary based on the applicant's needs and the availability of funds. In addition to the financial award, recipients will have the opportunity to be recognized at the annual Music Focus Smooth Jazz Concert, where they may also be invited to perform or participate in the event.

Application Process:

Interested candidates must submit an application that includes the following:

- **Personal Statement:** A written essay that details the applicant's musical journey, future aspirations, and how they plan to continue their involvement in music during college.
- **Letter of Recommendation:** A letter from a music teacher, conductor, or mentor who can attest to the applicant's musical abilities, dedication, and character.

- **Performance Portfolio:** A selection of recordings, videos, or other documentation showcasing the applicant's musical performances or compositions.
- **Academic Transcript:** A copy of the applicant's high school transcript to verify academic performance.
- **Letter of Acceptance:** A copy of letter verifying acceptance into an accredited college or university for the upcoming academic year.

Deadline for Application:

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and must be submitted by June 1. Successful candidates will be notified by July 1, and the scholarship will be awarded at the Music Focus Smooth Jazz Concert in August.