

2009 NC Honors Orchestra Summer Festival Scholarship Competition

Members of the 2009 North Carolina Honors Orchestra string section are invited to apply for scholarships to North Carolina's finest summer music festivals. Students must complete the entire application process *including a DVD*, meeting the outlined standards. All materials should be turned in by the sponsoring teacher at registration. *All materials, including the DVD become property of the North Carolina Music Educators Orchestra Division and will not be returned.*

Scholarships to be awarded:

- **Full Scholarship to Brevard Music Center-Strings only**
- **\$1200 to Eastern Music Festival-Strings only.**
- **Scholarship to the Chamber Institute at North Carolina School of the Arts-Strings only (amount is not yet set due to budget restrictions-we will know prior to the auditions)**
- **Five Tuition Awards to Cannon Music Camp**
 1. Seniors are eligible for these awards.
 2. Previous winners are not eligible for the same scholarship.
 3. Students who were awarded scholarships but did not attend the camp are not eligible for any auditions.
 4. No live auditions can be heard. All students must submit a DVD* and a complete application package at registration.
 5. The decision of the judges will be final.

A complete application will include the following items in a sealed envelope clearly marked with student name, instrument, and school.

1. Cover Sheet
2. Application signed by student, sponsoring teacher and parent.
3. Resume of musical activities, awards and study to this point in your career. Please include any information which might conceivably be pertinent. This is not the time to be modest!
4. Letter of Recommendation from your school teacher or private teacher.
5. A DVD of five to seven minutes of you playing a solo, etude or concert piece which best demonstrates your level of musicianship. Two Shorter works may be included but the total time must not exceed seven minutes. The tape must be unaccompanied. Your sponsoring teacher must be present for the recording and introduce the work, The DVD should be a complete, unedited performance. CD's and audio cassette tapes are not acceptable.
6. A copy of your driver's license, student ID, library card or other school or government issued photo ID card enlarged to 125%

Scholarship Competition Cover Sheet

Student Name _____

School _____

Home Address _____

E Mail Address _____

Enclosed in my application packet are the following materials:

- A completed application.
- A standard DVD of you performing 5-7 minutes of music unaccompanied. This music should demonstrate your highest level of musicality and technique. ***DVD's become the property of NCMEA and will not be returned.***
- A letter of recommendation from your school or private music teacher discussing your interest in music, promise, work ethic and readiness to attend a summer music festival.
- A resume of your musical awards, activities and study to this point in your career. Please include a brief statement concerning your desire to attend a summer music festival
- A copy of your driver's license, school ID or other photo ID enlarged to 125%

No live auditions will be heard under any circumstances and incomplete application packages will be eliminated from consideration. Sign below to indicate you are aware of the competition rules and regulations.

Student _____

Scholarship Application

Student Name _____

Primary Instrument _____

School _____

School Ensemble Director _____

Private Teacher _____

Home address _____

Home Phone _____

E Mail Address _____

Parent(s) Name _____

I would like to be considered for: (please rank awards you are interested in auditioning for in this competition. **Use numerals to indicate your first through fourth award choice. Do not** include camps which you do not want to attend)

_____ Brevard Scholarship (Full Tuition and Fees). One award.

_____ Eastern Music Festival (\$1200 Award) One award.

_____ NCMEA Five Week Chamber Institute Scholarship (TBD)

_____ Cannon Music Camp Tuition Awards. Up to Five Awards

_____ has my permission to audition for a summer music camp scholarship and plans to attend if awarded a scholarship. We have researched the camps and associated costs on our own. We have read the rules of the competition and understand the scope of the awards. We understand that no exceptions can be made to these rules so that the competition is fair to all concerned.

Parent Signature _____

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Dear NCMEA Teachers and Honors Orchestra Members,

Congratulations on your selection to the 2009 North Carolina Honors Orchestra. You will enjoy your experience with this fine orchestra a great deal. Many people have worked long and hard to provide a worthy and important musical experience for you. Please take a moment to thank your school director for the weekends they have given to bring you to junior and senior regional clinics over the past few years!

Attached is information about the 2009 Summer Music Festival Scholarship audition program. As a member of the Honors Orchestra you are eligible to audition for several scholarship awards. I suggest you discuss these festivals with your teachers and your parents and carefully consider the audition process.

It is very important that parents, teachers and students read the materials carefully and follow instructions. Applicants will be representing the NC Music Educators Honors Orchestra and must not only have outstanding musical skills but also be capable of handling the responsibilities of attending a summer music festival. Following directions and turning in a complete application are reasonable requests for students who are worthy of large scholarship awards!

You must provide a *DVD** of five to seven unedited minutes of music. No accompaniment should be included on the tape. A photocopy of photo ID such as a school ID or driver's license must also be included in the packet. A cover sheet with a check off list, a signed and completed application, a resume of your musical activities and awards and a letter of recommendation from your school director or private teacher must also be included in the packet. **Please place all materials in a large envelope marked clearly with your name, instrument and school.** Letters of recommendation should be included with your packet-do not have teachers send letters to me.

Please feel free to contact me with questions you may have via e-mail. I cannot authorize any changes in contest rules for any applicant and must caution you that incomplete applications will not be considered. It is the responsibility of students and parents to research camp programs, all have active web sites which list a great deal of information from the past season. Again, congratulations on your accomplishments and I look forward to meeting you in November.

Sincerely,

Sally Ross
Scholarship Chair NCMEA Honors Orchestra
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* Students without access to a DVD recorder may substitute a full sized VHS recording BUT MUST CONTACT ME NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1. I will bring a deck down but only if needed.