

Mississippi Community Symphonic Band Scholarship Application Form

Emerging Young Artist Award

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Instrument: _____

Number of years playing instrument: _____

Music teachers: _____

Special honors and awards: _____

School/s attended: _____

Membership in musical organizations: _____

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____

CHECKLIST:

- Fill out this application form.
- Download and prepare the "Audition Etude" for your instrument.
- Write your essay (See item 3 in the Detailed Instructions).
- Get TWO letters of recommendation (see item 1 in the Detailed Instructions)
- Practice your prepared piece (see item 2 in the Detailed Instructions).
- Practice major scales and sight reading.
- Assemble the application, essay, and two letters, and mail them to the designated address before the deadline indicated on the website.

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Letters of Recommendation.** You will need two letters of recommendation: At least one must be from a former or current music teacher, such as your band or orchestra director or private instructor. Each letter must include the writer's name and contact information, to include at least an email or postal mailing address, AND a phone number. Attach both letters to the application form..
2. **Prepared Repertoire.** Select any work of your choice, and prepare a section that lasts 3 to 5 minutes. You may select from any literature appropriate to your instrument. You should select literature that demonstrates the capabilities of your instrument and your skill on it. Remember, it is better to play a less difficult piece very well than to attempt a harder piece and not play it so well.
3. **Essay.** Write an essay of no more than 1,000 words: "How Music Is And Will Be A Central Part Of My Life And My Future." In the essay, include how you plan to use the scholarship award. The essay should be typed (word processing is fine), double-spaced, using Times New Roman, 12 point font, on 8 X 10 paper. Put your name in the upper left corner of the first page.
4. **The Audition.** Once we receive your completed application, we will get in touch with you to let you know the date, time, and place of your scheduled audition. Please arrive at the audition with sufficient time to prepare your instrument and warm up before your scheduled time. In the audition, you will be asked to play (a) selected major scales, (b) a chromatic scale of at least two octaves, (c) your prepared (downloaded) etude, (d) the work of your own selection, and (e) some sight reading.
5. **The Application Package.** The application package should consist of the following:
 - The completed application form
 - Your essay
 - Two letters of recommendation

Once your package is complete, send it to:

Ms. Betsy Landers
109 Rhapsody Circle
Brandon, MS 39047

DEADLINE: Your submission package must be postmarked on or before the date indicated on our website, at www.mcsb.us/scholarship.

6. The winner will be notified during the first week of May. The award will be presented during the May Concert of the MCSB, at Christ United Methodist Church, Jackson, MS. Winners will be expected to attend the concert to receive their award. Check the website for the date of this season's May concert.