

BIG ARTS 2022 Classical Music Scholarship

Students who have professional goals to pursue training in classical music instruments, including piano may apply. The purpose of this scholarship is to award highly proficient and talented students who plan to continue their classical music studies and training. This scholarship may be awarded to up to three students annually, in the amounts of \$25,000 (1st prize); \$15,000 (2nd prize); and \$10,000 (3rd prize) respectively.

Classical musical instruments include:

- Piano
- Strings: Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass
- Winds: Clarinet, Oboe, Bassoon, Flute, French Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba
- Percussion students who have a focus in orchestral instruments

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Student currently enrolled in an accredited undergraduate classical music program at a University or College in the state of Florida (as of Fall 2021).
- Graduate students are not applicable at this time.

Application Procedure:

1. Complete the scholarship application, which is available online to download at www.BIGARTS.org.
2. Write a one-page essay describing personal and artistic goals and accomplishments.
3. Include copies of programs, critical reviews, certificates of award, scholarships, and other documentation.
4. Submit two to three letters of recommendation. Recommendations should be from a current or recent teacher, or another musician of acknowledged professional standing. These letters should also comment specifically about your character and artistic ability.
5. Obtain an official school transcript of courses and academic grades for submission with application.
6. Include a video and/or audio presentation that demonstrates the breadth of your technical and artistic abilities on your instrument. Include only complete works or complete movements. Concerti or other works with orchestra may be included. These works may also be performed with piano accompaniment, except for solo pianists.
 - a. Specifications: CD, CD-R and DVD playable on standard players will only be accepted. Please edit out as much as possible long pauses, applause, and lengthy musical introductions.
7. Applications can be submitted digitally via Dropbox, Google Drive, WeTransfer, or flash drive. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure their application is complete, and the videos are playable before submitting.

After review of all applications and supporting documentation, a select number of applicants will be invited to give a live performance audition in front of our panel committee. Performance auditions should be a minimum of 20 minutes to a maximum of 25 minutes in length. It is recommended that two different musical pieces be given that clearly demonstrate contrasting style and type of classical music. Applicants must pay all their own expenses and provide their own instruments (except piano) and accompaniment when applicable.

Selected applicants will be contacted to schedule a live performance audition on Friday, April 8, 2022.

2022 Application Form

Completed applications must be submitted to BIG ARTS no later than March 25, 2022
ALL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Email: _____ Birthdate: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone: _____

Instrument/s: _____ # years of study: _____

Education

Name of current educational institution: _____

Degree sought (if applicable): _____ Graduation: _____

Name of current music teacher: _____ Email: _____

Application Support Checklist:

- Completed Application
- One-page essay
- Supporting documentation
- Letters of recommendation
- Transcript of grades (official or unofficial)
- Audio or video recording playable on standard players.

Submit completed application on or before Friday, March 25, 2022. Only complete applications will be considered. If you have any questions, please contact lhuff@bigarts.org

Send this form and all attachments to:
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Classical Music Scholarship
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