

Association of Wisconsin Symphony Orchestras SCHOLARSHIP

The Association of Wisconsin Symphony Orchestras serves as a resource for the growth and appreciation of orchestral music in the state of Wisconsin. Through this scholarship, AWSO wants to encourage and support like-minded music students and educators.

Go to www.wisconsinorchestras.org. Be sure to *LIKE* the **Association of Wisconsin Symphony Orchestras** on Facebook as well.

Who is eligible?

Any music student in grade 6 or above who plays in an orchestral setting or string program. Any active orchestral-instrumental music educator in the state of Wisconsin.

How to apply? www.wisconsinorchestras.org

1. Complete the online application including a personal statement. Note there are two application forms, one for **students** and another for **educators**. Information requested:
 - Number of years of musical study (student) or teaching experience (educator)
 - Describe your current musical activities (student) or current music program (educator)
 - Private study experiences, master classes, workshops, camps, competitions, etc.
 - Plans for scholarship award
 - Musical goals/skills/new information you hope to gain
 - Describe in detail the proposed use of funds as well as the need for financial support
2. Have someone fill out and submit the **Recommendation Form**.

When to apply?

AWSO will review applications each April. Applications are due on **March 30**.

What projects qualify for assistance?

The AWSO Scholarship will be awarded for a variety of special projects to enhance a student's learning of music or an educator's ability to teach music. **Examples of special projects:**

- instrument repair
- WSMA Conference registration
- Field trip for music students
- Continuing Education
- Private lessons/master class
- Music/Music books
- Post-secondary tuition
- Music competition or audition fees
- Professional development
- Instrument rental/purchase

- Music camp tuition/registration
- Workshop, seminar, conference
- Youth orchestra registration/audition fee
- Commissioned works for orchestra or guest performer/soloist

These are only ideas. If you have any special project in need of funding help, please do not hesitate to put this request in writing and ask the committee to consider your request.

How will scholarships be awarded?

Typical scholarship awards will be in the range of \$100 to \$500. All scholarships will be awarded in a check format and will be mailed directly to the recipient of the award. (i.e. music camp, private teacher, etc.). Applicants will be informed of results via letter by May 1st. AWSO will award all scholarships based on funds available in the AWSO Scholarship Fund. This may vary from year to year. The AWSO Board will determine the amount available each year.

Required Follow-up?

Each award winner is asked to provide the scholarship committee with a follow-up letter sharing how the scholarship award was used. Support materials such as videos or photos are encouraged.

Scholarship applications (application, personal statement and recommendation form) must be received by March 30 in order to be considered.

Application Checklist:

1. Fill out the appropriate application form (either student or educator) which includes your personal statement. The form is a user fillable PDF. First download the form from the AWSO web site, rename the file, and fill it out. When you rename the file, use this convention: yourfirstname.yourlastname.app.pdf (example: muti.riccardo.app.pdf)
2. Have someone fill out the recommendation form. Name the file: first.last.rec.pdf (example: muti.riccardo.rec.pdf) Note the name used should be yours, not the person recommending you.
3. The application must be received by AWSO by March 30. You may submit by email (preferred) or print the form and send via regular mail.

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