Nebraska Music Teachers Association

Thomas Ediger High School Senior Scholarship

Description:

The Nebraska Music Teachers Association is offering a one-time $1000 scholarship in each of three categories: Piano, Strings, and Voice/Composition/Other Instruments. These scholarships recognize the musical study, musical achievement, musical contributions**,** and good citizenship of high school seniors studying with a current member of NMTA. The winners will be chosen on the basis of merit only. In the event that a scholarship is not awarded in a particular category, that scholarship becomes available to be awarded as a second scholarship in the category with the most applicants. The judge reserves the right not to award these scholarships.

Requirements:

The applicant must be a senior in high school planning to graduate in 2026. He or she must be a student of a current NMTA member, whose membership dues must be paid by September 1, 2025.

Application:

Submit the following information (items 1-8), clearly organized by category, as a **SINGLE PDF** document:

1. **Identifying Information**: Your Name, Address, Phone Number, Email Address, Name of School, Year in School, and NMTA Teacher's Name

2. A summary of your **musical training**

3. A list of all **NMTA/MTNA events** in which you have participated

4. A list of **other musical activities** in which you have participated

5. A list of your musical and non-musical **volunteer activities**

6. A brief description of your **future plans**, career goals, and aspirations

7. An **essay** describing your musical journey or what music means to you

8. Links to two unedited **performance videos** posted on YouTube. Applicants should submit performances of at least two contrasting pieces from different periods of music. Each video must be labeled with the title of the piece and its composer. The total length of the videos must not exceed 15 minutes. Composition students should submit a printed score and an audio recording of a composition.

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- The application must also include **TWO letters of recommendation**, one from your current applied music teacher and one from another person of your choice. Recommendations should be **saved as PDFs** and **E-MAILED BY THE RECOMMENDER DIRECTLY to the NMTA SCHOLARSHIP COORDINATOR AHEAD OF THE DEADLINE** to be considered.

Deadline: All application materials must be emailed to the NMTA Scholarship Coordinator, Anne Madison, at the address anne.m.madison@gmail.com no later than **11:59 pm on Sunday, March 1, 2026.**

The winner will be notified by Wednesday, April 1, 2026. NMTA reserves the right not to award this scholarship.