



2015 Brian Arnold Scholarship

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Application Form and Instructions

Each year, the Mason Orchestral Society awards music scholarships in memory of former Music Director and Conductor Brian Arnold. Young musicians who are members of the Society for 2014-2015 are invited to apply for the 2015 Brian Arnold Scholarship. Winners may use their scholarship money to defray the cost of summer music camps or tours, private lessons, needed musical equipment or for another music-related purpose approved by the MOS.

Scholarship recipients are selected after an application and audition process on the basis of their musical potential, development and improvement, desire, preparation and performance. Winners will be announced at the concert on May 15th, 2015, and students must be performing in the concert to be eligible for a monetary scholarship.

Please review the information and instructions below. The deadline for returning your written application material is *Tuesday, May 5, 2014*, as explained below.

Thank you for your interest in the 2015 Brian Arnold Scholarship Program, and good luck!

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Eligibility

In order to be eligible to apply for a Brian Arnold Scholarship, you must be 18 or younger, a member of the Mason Orchestral Society, and participate in the Mason Philharmonic, or Symphony Orchestra. **Prior year's first place winners are not eligible to compete unless auditioning on a different instrument.** You must be able to perform in the May concert in order to be eligible for a scholarship.

Application Form and Personal Statement

The scholarship application form is attached. The application requests general information and a short personal statement about one or more topics relating to your interest in music. After your application and essay have been reviewed, you will be notified whether you are invited to complete an audition and interview in front of the scholarship committee.

Audition and Interview

The audition and interview process will last no longer than 10 to 12 minutes and will include:

- A short solo piece of your choosing (lasting no longer than 5 minutes) that you believe represents your current ability level. The solo may be an excerpt from a longer work;
- A short excerpt from the current concert repertoire, which will be selected at the audition;
- A short interview about your essay.
- Only the student and Committee members will be allowed into the audition

Schedule

- The written application and essay **must** be turned in **no later than Tuesday, April 28, 2015**, at the Philharmonic rehearsal.
- This material may also be submitted **on or before Tuesday, April 28, 2018**:
 1. In person to Brittney Brewster;
 2. By email in any common, legible format to information@masonorchestras.org
 3. Mailed to:
Mason Orchestral Society
P. O. Box 473
Mason, MI 48854
- Auditions are scheduled for **Tuesday May 12, 2015, at Chippewa Middle School beginning at 5:30pm.** **IMPORTANT:** If necessary, other times will be arranged, but will need to occur **before** this date. If you think you will need an alternate audition time we will need to know at the time the application is due. No last minute changes can be accommodated. A sign-up sheet for audition times will be provided at the Philharmonic rehearsal. Due to the narrow time frame, you may assume that you will be invited to audition unless you hear otherwise. If you are not able to attend this audition date, you may call or email to schedule an alternate audition time.

Email: information@masonorchestras.org **Phone:** Molly Rebeck, 517-303-4085

Please keep this page for your information.



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(Please write clearly in pen or type)

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Phone: _____ Study Privately? **YES** or **NO**

Address: _____

Instrument: _____ Years Played: _____ Years in MOS: _____

Previous Winner of Brian Arnold Scholarship? **YES** or **NO** If yes, year: _____

Amount won? _____

How did you use the scholarship money? _____

Do you plan to attend a summer music camp? **YES** or **NO** If yes, where? _____

Other musical awards or experience (for example: music camps, other music groups, solo and ensemble festival, other instruments, etc): _____

If you are selected to receive a scholarship, do you agree:

To continue to participate in the MOS, if possible? _____

To provide the MOS a short statement on how you used the money? _____

Do you expect to be available for auditions on **May 12, 2015**? _____

Signature _____

Parent's signature _____

Date: _____

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(Please write clearly in pen or type)

Name: _____

Instrument: _____

Personal Statement

Your essay should be approximately 3 to 5 paragraphs long, but you are welcome to write as much as you believe is necessary. Typing is preferred, but you may submit a legible handwritten essay. Please attach your essay to this application. You may begin in the space below.

Please write your personal statement on *one or more* of these topics:

- ❖ Why I would like to receive a scholarship and how I will use the money
- ❖ Why I enjoy Mason Philharmonic, or Mason Symphony Orchestra (whichever you are a member of)
- ❖ What I enjoy most about playing my instrument
- ❖ Why music is important to me
- ❖ My best musical experience
- ❖ My favorite music or composer

Note: These personal statements are considered very strongly in the audition process