



NORTHPORT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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ANNOUNCING NORTHPORT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA SCHOLARSHIPS FOR VIOLIN, VIOLA, CELLO, STRING BASS, BASSOON AND FRENCH HORN

Dear Music Educator:

The Northport Symphony Orchestra (NSO) is a community-based orchestra under the direction of Richard Hyman. Founded in 2006, we are committed to providing outstanding music to the Long Island Community. Our membership includes a wide range of musicians from all walks of life and of all ages, all accomplished musicians. <https://northportsymphony.org/>.

Our season begins in the Fall of every calendar year and extends through the spring of the following year. We perform three Friday evening concerts a year at the Northport High School auditorium. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Rehearsals are primarily held in the Northport Middle School, and occasionally at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Huntington or the Congregational Church of Huntington.

Announcing a Music Scholarship

For the 2022/23 Season, Northport Symphony Orchestra is proud to offer to deserving music students a scholarship program. The goal of the program is to continue the orchestra's involvement with the community and to offer talented musicians a favorable playing experience outside their typical academic program. If applicable, we believe the program will qualify for community service and is a positive extracurricular activity for college applications.

This year the Orchestra has provided for up to three (3) scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each. As the students will be playing with the orchestra, the program is repertoire dependent. **For our 2022/23 season we can offer scholarship opportunities to students who play violin, viola, cello, string bass, bassoon, and French horn.**

If selected for scholarship, the first rehearsal requiring attendance is November 30, 2022. Scholarship recipients will play in two (2) Friday evening concerts tentatively scheduled for January 27 and April 28, 2023. (Concert dates will be confirmed in September upon finalization of school-district calendar.) The scholarships will be awarded at the Spring 2023 concert.

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Eligibility and Participation

High school seniors and college students qualify for the scholarship program. Students who wish to continue with, or are currently enrolled in, a course of study that includes music, will be given preference, however all qualified musicians may apply.

Students selected for the scholarship program are required to attend the winter and spring NSO concert performances, all dress rehearsals, and weekly Wednesday evening rehearsals (7:30 PM to 9:30 PM) with no more than three (3) overall absences (unless otherwise approved by the NSO Music Director and the NSO Board President). The goal is for each scholarship winner to have the full experience as an active NSO member for a two-concert cycle.

Application Process

- Applicant to complete the one-page NSO scholarship application form, attached here, or or at www.northportsymphony.org under “scholarships” in the drop-down menu.
- Applicant to provide a short letter of recommendation from a music teacher (school or private).
- Applicant to submit a 300- 500-word essay on how the applicant feels this scholarship and membership in the orchestra will benefit them, including assertion of commitment to participate.
- Applicant to participate in a short audition with a movement from Grade V or VI NYSSMA solo or equivalent to verify that you have the required musical skills. Auditions with Richard Hyman, NSO Music Director, will be scheduled in early November.

Completed scholarship application materials must be submitted via email to scholarship@northportorchestra.org no later than October 7th, 2022.

Thank you in advance for providing this information to your students who you believe might be interested and qualify. Enclosed you will find the one-page scholarship application form, application instructions for students, and a publicity poster which we ask you to post at school.

Please email scholarship@northportorchestra.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Northport Symphony Orchestra Scholarship Committee

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