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Applicant Requirements and Instructions

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/>.

Northport Symphony Orchestra is proud to offer deserving music students a scholarship program for our 2022/23 Season. This year the Orchestra has provided for up to three (3) scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each. The program offers talented musicians a favorable playing experience outside the academic program. If applicable, we believe the program will qualify for community service and is a positive extracurricular activity for college applications.

The scholarship program is repertoire dependent, and this year we can offer scholarship opportunities to qualified students who play **violin, viola, cello, string bass, bassoon, and French horn**.

Eligibility and Participation

High school seniors and college students qualify for the NSO 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.

If selected for the scholarship program, students are required to attend NSO's winter and spring 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.

The first rehearsal requiring attendance will be on November 30, 2022. NSO rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM, primarily in the band room at the Northport Middle School, and occasionally at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Huntington or the Congregational Church of Huntington.

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Scholarship recipients are required to play in two concerts tentatively scheduled for January 27 and April 28, 2023. (Confirmed concert dates to be announced in September upon finalization of school district calendar.) NSO concerts are performed on Friday evenings at the Northport High School Auditorium. The scholarships will be awarded at the Spring 2023 concert.

Application Process

- Complete the one-page NSO scholarship application form which can be obtained from your music director or at www.northportsymphony.org under “scholarships” in the drop-down menu.
- Provide a short letter of recommendation from your music teacher (school or private).
- Submit a 300- 500-word essay on how you feel this scholarship and membership in the orchestra will benefit you, including your assertion of commitment to participate.
- 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.

Scholarship application materials must be submitted via email to scholarship@northportorchestra.org by October 7, 2022.

Email any questions about the scholarship program to scholarship@northportorchestra.org

Thank you and Good Luck!

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