



TALENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Students currently registered for music lessons or who are in an ensemble with the NIU Community School of the Arts are eligible to apply for one of the six talent scholarships awarded each year. The scholarships will be awarded to two students at each of the following grade levels:

Elementary (Grades 3 - 5), Junior (Grades 6 - 8), and Senior (Grades 9 - 12). Each award is worth \$250.00, with each scholarship winner receiving a \$50.00 check and a total of \$200.00 towards the cost of lessons or the ensemble in the next two semesters -- \$100.00 in the spring semester and \$100.00 the following fall semester. High school seniors or those who are moving in spring may receive the full amount in the spring semester. There is an expectation that a student who is awarded a talent scholarship will continue with the program for both semesters of the award period.

Students, parents and music teachers are asked to complete this application form, which must be received by the office (Room 132, Music Building) no later than **4:30 p.m. on December 14**. Applications submitted after this date or that do not have the music teacher's and/or parent's signatures will not be accepted. Applications must be accompanied by a \$15.00 application fee. Make checks payable to *Northern Illinois University*. Students who are registered for lessons on two instruments may audition on either or both instruments, but must submit two forms and pay two fees. Students who are registered for a CSA ensemble are invited to audition, but on one instrument only. Students who received an award in one year may not apply again on that instrument for the next two years.

Students will be expected to memorize a piece or a portion of a piece to be performed before a committee of judges. The time limit for the elementary division is four minutes, for the junior division is five minutes, and for the senior division is six minutes. You may play for a shorter amount of time, but you will be penalized (and your performance stopped) if your piece is longer than the time allocated for your division. If the piece is too long, the performer may either make cuts or end at an appropriate place within the time limit. If you make cuts, note these on the judges' music. It is also recommended that students choose a challenging piece that is a good showcase for their abilities. Performers are expected to bring an original (not photocopied) copy of the music for the judges. An accompanist will be provided by the program if requested; be sure to indicate whether or not one is needed on the application form. The program requires two weeks' notice for an accompanist.

All applicants will be contacted in December by letter, which will provide more details and give the time of his/her audition. The date for all auditions is **Saturday, January 9** from 1:30 - 5:00 p.m. The six students awarded scholarships will perform at the Honors Recital scheduled for **Saturday, February 6** at 1:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall.

Talent Scholarship Application Form

Mail this form, with your application fee of \$15.00 (check payable to Northern Illinois University), to: NIU Community School of the Arts, College of Visual and Performing Arts, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115. Receipt deadline: **December 14**

Student's Name Age (as of 1/9/10) Current Grade

Address

Phone number (day and evening)

Parent or student email address

Instrument

School name

Name of piece and composer (if you have not chosen a piece yet, write "undecided" but we must know **two weeks** before the audition.)

Do you need an accompanist? ____ yes ____ no Note: If you check yes, you will be expected to provide the music needed by the accompanist at least two weeks before the audition.

Parent's or guardian's signature: Print both parents' names.

Music teacher's signature

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