



2021 TALENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Students currently registered for music lessons or a member of 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 from the area 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.

Application Deadline - December 9: 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 9**. Applications submitted after this date or that do not have the private music teacher and parents' 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 eight minutes. You may play for a shorter amount of time, but you will be penalized, possibly by being disqualified, (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 (noting these on the judges' music) or end at an appropriate place within the time limit. 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 photocopy) of the music for the judges. An accompanist is provided (gratis) by the program, but it is fine to use a different accompanist if you prefer. Note: Linc Smelser has been the CSA accompanist for this event in past years and may be again in 2021; please check with the office in December about this. It is advisable to use an accompanist if your piece has a piano part; be sure to complete the form to let the office know what your plans are for accompaniment.

Audition Date - January 16, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. Applicants will be contacted in December by letter, which will provide more details and give the time of his/her audition. **Indicate below whether your audition will take place in person in the NIU Concert Hall or online via a Zoom link we will provide.**

Honors Recital – February 27, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. The six students awarded scholarships perform in the Concert Hall.

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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, 1425 W. Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb, IL 60115. Receipt deadline: **December 9, 2020**

Student's Name _____ Age (as of 1/16/21) _____ Current Grade _____

Address, Town, State, Zip _____

Phone number _____ Email address (one you check regularly) _____

Instrument _____ Private Music teacher's name _____

School name _____ (circle one) **ONLINE AUDITION** **IN-PERSON AUDITION**

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

Will you be using the program's accompanist at the audition? 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. Will you use a different accompanist? yes no. Name _____

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

Private music teacher's signature _____

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