

## **BIG ARTS Classical Music Scholarship**

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Students who have professional goals to pursue training in classical music instruments, including piano, composition and conducting may apply. The purpose of this scholarship is to award highly proficient and talented students who plan to continue their classical music studies and training. This scholarship may be awarded up to three students annually, in the amounts of \$7,500 (1<sup>st</sup> prize); \$5,000 (2<sup>nd</sup> prize); and \$2,500 (3<sup>rd</sup> prize) respectively.

Classical musical instruments include:

- Piano
- Strings: Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass
- Winds: Clarinet, Oboe, Bassoon, Flute, French Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba
- Percussion students who have a focus in orchestral instruments

### **Eligibility:**

In order to be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must meet **one** of the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled as a Junior or Senior in a high school in the state of Florida (as of Fall 2014).
- Student currently enrolled in an accredited undergraduate music program at a University or College in the state of Florida (as of Fall 2014).

### **Application Procedure:**

1. Complete the scholarship application form. If needed, the form is available at the BIG ARTS office or online at [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org).
2. Write a one-page essay describing personal and artistic goals and accomplishments.
3. Include copies of programs, critical reviews, certificates of award, scholarships and other documentation.
4. Submit two to three letters of recommendation. Recommendations should be from a current or recent teacher, or another musician of acknowledged professional standing. These letters should also comment specifically about your character and artistic ability.
5. Obtain an official school transcript of courses and academic grades for submission with application.
6. Include a video and/or audio presentation that demonstrates the breadth of your technical and artistic abilities on your instrument. Include only complete works or complete movements. Concerti or other works with orchestra may be included. These works may also be performed with piano accompaniment, except for solo pianists.
  - a. Specifications: CD, CD-R and DVD only will be accepted. Please edit out as much as possible, long pauses, applause and lengthy musical introductions.

After review of all applications and supporting documentation, a select number of applicants will be invited to give a live performance in front of our panel committee. Performances should be a minimum of 10 minutes to a maximum of 25 minutes in length. It is recommended that two different musical pieces be given that clearly demonstrate contrasting style and type of classical music. A second live performance may be required.

Applicants must pay all of their own expenses and provide their own instruments (except piano) and accompaniment when applicable. Composers must demonstrate their product live if possible or with a video or audio presentation. Conductors must provide video/audio samples of their skill and performances.

Selected applicants will be contacted to schedule an interview with live performance in late October or early November.

The scholarship winners are expected to attend an award ceremony in December, held in conjunction with a BIG ARTS Classical Afternoon concert, December 7, 2014 at 3:30 pm.

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## 2014 Application Form

**All materials must be submitted to BIG ARTS no later than October 3, 2014  
ALL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument/s \_\_\_\_\_ # years of study: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Education**

Name of current educational institution \_\_\_\_\_

Degree sought (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Name of present music teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### **Application Support Checklist:**

- Completed Application
- One-page essay
- Supporting documentation
- Letters of Recommendation, sent separately to the address below
- Official transcript of grades
- Audio or Video Recording

**Submit completed application, essay, letters of recommendation, transcripts and audio or video recording on or before Friday, October 3, 2014. Only complete applications will be considered.**

**Send this form and all attachments to:**

**BIG ARTS  
Classical Music Scholarship  
900 Dunlop Rd.  
Sanibel, FL 33957**

**If you have any questions, please contact the office at (239) 395 – 0900**