



MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - 2025

Applicant Packet

ELIGIBILITY: Students in grades 9 – 12, including home schooled, who reside in Hernando County, Florida, *and surrounding counties.*

AWARDS: Scholarships will be awarded for private study of an instrument or voice lessons. Scholarships may also be used to purchase/repair musical instruments. Multiple Scholarships awarded may be up to \$1,000.00 each. (Students are not eligible for the award two years in a row.)

TO APPLY: Students must submit a completed application form along with a letter of reference and an audio or video example for pre-audition screening, either by e-file (keep it brief for email purposes), link, or CD/DVD. Finalists will be invited to live auditions on a Sunday in 2024. The date, location and schedule will be provided.

DEADLINE: Monday, March 31, 2025

MAIL TO: Hernando Jazz Society, PO Box 3757, Spring Hill, FL 34611.

AUDITIONS: To be announced.

Finalists must bring 3 copies of the sheet music and perform a solo with accompaniment. Accompaniment can be live or recorded. (NOTE: Extra credit will be awarded for performances of jazz music -information at bottom of application.)

Family and friends may attend the auditions, however, all questions posed to the applicant must be answered by the applicant only.

Applicants will be waiting in a separate room until their scheduled time to perform.

WINNERS: Scholarship winners perform live at the Hernando Jazz Society's session on May 4th, 2025.

QUESTIONS: Contact Marilyn Rosenberg, President, (203) 258-0276, or by email: marrose55@gmail.com.



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INSTRUCTIONS: All applications must include either by e-file (keep it brief for email purposes), link, or CD/DVD (MP3 or WAV file) for pre-audition screening AND by a letter of reference from a school music teacher, guidance counselor, or a private music teacher. At the time of the audition, applicants must bring three (3) copies of the sheet music that includes the lyrics (if the applicant is a vocalist). DEADLINE: **Monday, March 31, 2025**

Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City/State/ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Preferred Email Contact: _____

School: _____

Parent Name(s): _____

Instrument or Voice: _____

Musical Involvement (school, community, church, private instructions, etc.)

Goals and Reason for Applying:

Name of Reference: _____ Phone: _____

Submit completed application, pre-audition media, and letter of reference to: Hernando Jazz Society, PO Box 3757, Spring Hill, FL 34611-3757, or electronically to above listed contacts.

FOR EXTRA CREDIT: Applicants may perform any style of music, but special consideration will be given those that choose jazz. This includes songs regarded as a “Jazz Standard” or from “The great American Songbook”, which includes many songs that originated in musicals and Broadway shows. You may choose to perform a vocal or instrumental version. Contact us if you have any questions.