



MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - 2026 APPLICATION

ELIGIBILITY: Music students in grades 9 – 12, including home schooled, who reside in Hernando County, Florida, *and surrounding counties*. Applicants may perform **any style of music**, but special consideration will be given to 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.

AWARDS: Scholarships will be awarded for private study of an instrument or voice lessons. Scholarships may also be used to purchase or repair musical instruments and equipment. 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 performance, either by e-file (keep it brief for email purposes), link, or CD/DVD. Depending on the amount of applicants we receive, we may require live auditions.

DEADLINE: March 31st, 2026

MAIL TO: Hernando Jazz Society, PO Box 3757, Spring Hill, FL 34611 or jazz@hernandojazzsociety.org

WINNERS: Scholarship winners are invited to perform at the Hernando Jazz Society's session on May 3rd, 2026.

QUESTIONS: Contact Jay Leaman, (352)232-3404 jazzphool@gmail.com.



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INSTRUCTIONS: All applications must include a performance, either by e-file (keep it brief for email purposes), link, or CD/DVD (MP3 or WAV file) AND a letter of reference from a school music teacher, guidance counselor, or a private music teacher. We may require an additional audition depending on the amount of applicants we receive. DEADLINE: **MARCH 31st 2026.**

Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

School (or Home Schooled): _____

Parent Name: _____

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

Goals and Reason for Applying:

Name of Reference: _____ Phone: _____

Submit completed application, audition media, and letter of reference to: Hernando Jazz Society, PO Box 3757, Spring Hill, FL 34611-3757 or jazz@hernandojazzsociety.org