

GMEA COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY MUSIC EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

REGULATIONS AND APPLICATION FORM

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The purpose of the GMEA College/University Music Education Scholarships program is to promote music education in Georgia.

Presentation of the scholarships will be based on candidates' musical accomplishments and contributions, scholastic achievement, potential for success in the teaching profession, expression of personal professional goals and reasons for wanting to enter the teaching profession, and personal qualifications.

The amount of each scholarship shall be \$2,000. A selection committee shall offer as many awards as it feels to be justified by the applications received each year, not to exceed the amount of funds available at the time. The decisions of the Scholarship Selection Committee shall be final and cannot be appealed in any fashion.

The scholarships will be presented directly to the winning candidates each year at the January GMEA In-Service Conference. Winners must be present to receive their scholarships. All winners, in order to receive their scholarships, must promise to attend an institution of higher learning in Georgia, and to teach music for a minimum of one year in a Georgia school upon completion of their college/university educations. The scholarships will not be renewable; however candidates applying and not receiving a scholarship may reapply in subsequent years.

ELIGIBILITY. All applicants must be members of CMENC at the time of their applications, and must use the proceeds of their scholarships to attend Georgia colleges/universities having CMENC chapters. Only college/university juniors, seniors, and graduate students will be eligible for these awards. To be eligible applicants must have a current overall grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale at the time of their application. They must be enrolled as full-time students (minimum of twelve semester hours) for both the fall and spring terms of the school year in which they receive their scholarship. GMEA employees, Board of Directors members, Scholarship Selection Committee members, and their immediate families are ineligible to apply.

APPLICATION PROCESS. An announcement of the scholarships program will be posted on the GMEA website from October 15 to November 30. Copies of the scholarship announcement, rules, and application forms will be available on the GMEA and CMENC web sites. Students wishing to apply should download the materials from one of these sources.

Each applicant must submit a completed application form, plus a portfolio of the below-outlined information and/or materials, to GMEA, 218 Willis Drive, Stockbridge, GA 30281 postmarked no later than November 30.

- An official transcript (the most recent available from his/her college/university records office), which must contain his/her overall grade point average.
- A typed, signed essay that must contain the applicant's personal professional goals and reasons for wanting to enter the music teaching profession. This essay is not to exceed one typed page, 12 point font, with one inch margins on all sides.

- A typed detailed personal and professional resume.
- A written character reference from someone who has known the applicant for an extended period of time. This may be a minister, doctor, neighbor, community leader, etc. . This should be a written letter, not using the Scholarship Reference Form.
- References from any four of the following, one of which must be a current GMEA member. All references must be mailed directly to the GMEA office by the person evaluating the candidate before the application deadline and references must use the CMENC Scholarship Recommendation form available on line with the other materials. References sent directly by the applicant will not be accepted
 - a. The applicant's applied music instructor.
 - b. A music education faculty member.
 - c. A college/university teacher or administrator other than a music faculty member.
 - d. The applicant's student teaching supervisor.
 - e. A secondary school music teacher who has taught the applicant.

The postmark deadline for submitting complete applications and portfolios is November 30. Winners will be notified in writing by the GMEA President by December 31 at their home address. Winners will be required to notify the president of their intent to accept or decline the scholarship in writing by January 10.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS DISTRIBUTION. Each recipient will be given a \$2,000 scholarship at a general session of the annual GMEA In-Service Conference, at which they must be present.

Recipients of the GMEA College/University Music Education Scholarships will be chosen strictly on the basis of merit as outlined in the eligibility requirements without regard to race, sex, age, color, religion, national origin, disability, or veteran status.

APPLICANT'S CHECKLIST

Don't forget to complete the steps below, and mail all materials (other than references) in one envelope to: GMEA College/University Music Education Scholarships, 218 Willis Drive, Stockbridge, GA 30281

- ❑ The completed application form.
- ❑ An official transcript (the most recent available from your college/university records office), which must contain your overall grade point average.
- ❑ A typed, signed essay which must contain your personal professional goals and reasons for wanting to enter the music teaching profession
- ❑ A typed detailed personal and professional resume.
- ❑ A written character reference from someone who has known you for an extended period of time. This may be a minister, doctor, neighbor, community leader, etc. This should be a written letter, not using the Scholarship Reference Form.
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