

# BLACKWOOD MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Enclosed are the guidelines for Blackwood Music Scholarships to be awarded for the year 2022

Blackwood scholarships are available to high school seniors intending to pursue a career in instrumental music performance or education.

Please note Section 4 of the guidelines, which requires selected applicants to participate in a personal interview and audition before a panel of professional musicians. Also, Section 5 states that the award recipients will be required to perform at a recital.

Applications may be obtained online at [BlackwoodArts.org](http://BlackwoodArts.org).

Applications must be postmarked no later than **February 1, 2022**.

Questions may be directed to:

Dr. Dan Bauer at 724-738-4262 or 515-771-8210

All components of the application form should be sent in one envelope to the address below:

**BLACKWOOD MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP  
C/O BENJAMIN ROBERTSON  
118 BLACKWOOD LANE  
HARRISVILLE, PA 16038**

## **GUIDELINES FOR BLACKWOOD MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP**

1. Blackwood Music Scholarships are designated to be awarded to high school seniors intending to pursue a career in music education or performance, chosen on the basis of:

- Musical talent
- Recommendation of private music instructor (highly recommended)
- Reference of high school music teacher
- Academic proficiency
- Motivation
- Essay

2. Scholarships and grants totaling \$20,000, in varying amounts from \$2,000 to \$5,000 will be available for the year **2022**.

3. Applications must be postmarked no later than **February 1, 2022**.

4. After a review of applications, invited participants will be required to appear at Heinz Hall on **Sunday March 13, 2022** for an audition and personal interview before a panel of professional musicians. Each audition will last approximately 15 minutes. Participants will be responsible for bringing their own instruments. No electronic equipment will be permitted for accompaniment. Organ applicants should submit a tape or CD for review by the Committee.

- **AUDITION REPERTOIRE**

- 1 movement of a recital piece; such a Sonata or Concerto
- 1 movement or short piece of contrasting character

5. Selected recipients of the awards will be notified following the audition and will be required to perform at a recital at Blackwood in Harrisville PA on **Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>**. An appropriate length recital piece (all movements of a sonata, for example), with piano accompaniment if applicable, should be prepared by the applicant well before the time of the recital. Appropriate planning on the part of the applicant in this regard is highly recommended.

6. There will be no restrictions in the selection procedure based upon sex, race, creed, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, or the employment status of any prospective recipient or relative thereof.

7. Anyone directly or indirectly related to any officer, director, or member of the Selection Committee will not be eligible for a scholarship.

8. Scholarships will be awarded only to non-profit institutions that are classified as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

9. Awards will be issued jointly in the name of the recipient and the educational institution. Validation of acceptance to a certified educational program is necessary.

10. The scholarship or grant will become void if the recipient does not enter a certified educational institution within one year of the date of the award.

11. If within one year of the date of the scholarship or grant the recipient changes his/her college major to the effect that a career in music will not be pursued, the amount of the scholarship or grant must be returned to the Blackwood Music Scholarship Fund.

12. Following the live auditions, the Committee may choose not to award scholarships in any given year if it determines that no candidate has met the established criteria. Such a decision is fully within the Committee's discretion.

13. All parts of the application must be sent in one envelope by the deadline date. This should include the application, essay, official copy of your high school transcript, reference forms, and a headshot photo in a 2x3 format. The photo can be one used in the student's yearbook. It can also be sent as a pdf to [ben@blackwoodmusic.org](mailto:ben@blackwoodmusic.org). Photographs of the scholarship winners will be used for publicity purposes - as part of the annual Blackwood Arts newsletter, scholarship recital program, and if appropriate, Blackwood Arts FaceBook and Instagram page.

Please do not have any forms sent separately.

**APPLICATION FOR BLACKWOOD MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ GRADUATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE OR MUSIC SCHOOL/S TO WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PROFESSIONAL GOALS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
INSTRUMENT ON WHICH YOU WILL AUDITION \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PRIVATE TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_

PREVIOUS MUSICAL TRAINING, INCLUDING SPECIAL PROGRAMS,  
WORKSHOPS, HONORS, AWARDS, ETC.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ATTACH:

▪ ESSAY (250 WORDS OR LESS) ON WHY YOU WANT TO PURSUE A CAREER  
IN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PERFORMANCE OR EDUCATION.

- OFFICIAL COPY OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT.
- ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU FEEL WOULD BE OF VALUE TO THE COMMITTEE IN MAKING A SELECTION FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP.
- REFERENCE FORMS COMPLETED BY YOUR HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC TEACHER AND PRIVATE MUSIC INSTRUCTOR.
- HEADSHOT PHOTO

MAIL TO:

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCE FORM FOR BLACKWOOD MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP**

Each applicant is required to submit a reference from an individual who has knowledge of the applicant's musical ability. Please attach a separate sheet, or, indicate below any information you feel would be of value to the committee in making a selection for the scholarship.

**REFERENCE OF PRIVATE MUSIC INSTRUCTOR AND HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC TEACHER.  
PLEASE RETURN THIS TO THE STUDENT IN A SEALED ENVELOPE.**

Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**BLACKWOOD SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE  
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