

# BLACKWOOD MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Enclosed are the guidelines for Blackwood Music Scholarships to be awarded for the year 2020

Blackwood scholarships are available to high school seniors intending to pursue a career in Instrumental Music Performance or Music 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, members of the Scholarship Board, and other artists. Additionally, barring illness or emergency, all award recipients will be required to perform at the Winner's Recital on the Blackwood grounds in Harrisville, PA, on **Sunday, June 7, 2020**.

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

Applications must be postmarked no later than **February 15, 2020**.

Questions may be directed to:

Benjamin Robertson [ben@blackwoodmusic.org](mailto:ben@blackwoodmusic.org) or 724-735-2813

An application fee of \$50.00 made out to Blackwood Arts and sent to the address below should be included with the application.

Benjamin Robertson, Chair

**BLACKWOOD MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP  
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 Instrumental Music Performance or Music Education. Winners are 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 **2020**.

3. Applications must be postmarked no later than **February 15, 2020**.

4. After a review of applications, invited participants will be required to appear at Heinz Hall on **Sunday March 29, 2020** for an audition and personal interview before a panel of professional musicians, members of the board, and other artists. Each audition will last approximately 15 minutes. 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

\* Participants are responsible for providing their own collaborative pianist for the date of the audition and the winner's recital, if chosen. No electronic equipment will be permitted for accompaniment.

5. Selected recipients of the awards will be notified immediately following the audition and will be required to perform at a recital at Blackwood in Harrisville PA on **Sunday June 7, 2020**. An appropriate length recital piece (all movements of a sonata, for example), with piano accompaniment, if applicable, should be prepared by the applicant for the Winner's Recital. Applicant may play their audition program for the recital, if appropriate.

6. There will be no restrictions in the selection procedure based upon sex, race, creed, 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 reserves the right to not 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 application fee. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUMENT \_\_\_\_\_

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

COLLEGE OR MUSIC SCHOOL/S TO WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED

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

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

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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE INCLUDE:**

- ESSAY (250 WORDS OR LESS) ON WHY YOU WANT TO PURSUE A CAREER IN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PERFORMANCE OR MUSIC EDUCATION.
- \$50.00 APPLICATION FEE (CHECK OR MONEY ORDER).
- OFFICIAL COPY OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT.
- 2 REFERENCE FORMS:
  - 1 - COMPLETED BY YOUR HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC TEACHER
  - 1 – COMPLETED BY YOUR PRIVATE MUSIC INSTRUCTOR

MAIL TO:

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

**APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 15, 2020.**