

The Pocono Youth Orchestra
Suzanne E. Anderson Memorial Scholarship

GUIDELINES

Purpose: The PYO will award one \$500 scholarship to assist a deserving student in furthering his or her musical education. There is no requirement that the award recipient plan to major or minor in music in College. Scholarship money will be awarded for any music education purpose, including music lessons, the purchase or rental of musical instruments, tuition for college music classes or for any other purpose that funds the student's future musical education.

Source of Funding: The scholarship received its initial funding from the Estate of Suzanne E. Anderson. Suzanne was a long-time member of the PYO Board of Directors and dedicated her life to creating and developing enrichment opportunities in music for the youth of Monroe County. Suzanne believed strongly in the mission of the PYO and provided, in her estate, for the initial funding of this scholarship.

Eligibility: Scholarship applicants will be limited to High School Seniors who are members in good standing of the PYO.

Criteria: The PYO Scholarship Committee will select a deserving student based on criteria that will include the following:

- ♪ Musicianship
- ♪ Attendance at PYO rehearsals
- ♪ Leadership
- ♪ Demonstrated commitment to the PYO

Length of musical study and advanced technical ability are not necessarily determining factors. The decision of the Committee is final. Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the PYO Committee. The PYO reserves the right not to award any scholarships in any given year.

Audition recordings: All senior student applicants are required to submit a CD, a DVD or an MP3 of their playing along with the written application material. Recordings should not exceed 10 minutes. Piano accompaniment is acceptable although not required.

Audition Repertoire: One prepared solo composition, appropriate to your instrument, showing contrasting musical elements (tempo, character, dynamics, etc.). Please no band or orchestra parts. Applicant(s) who are invited to perform for the Committee must provide one extra copy of the sheet music. Please direct any questions regarding the audition repertoire to the Music Directors.

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Interview: Immediately following the audition, the PYO Scholarship Committee will interview the applicant briefly to determine his/her level of commitment to music.

Submissions: All applications and recordings must be received by **9 pm, Monday, April 18, 2016**. You may submit your recordings prior to the deadline as follows:

- a. in person to Audrey or Anthony Simons;
- b. by mail to Pocono Youth Orchestra, P.O. Box 1101, Stroudsburg, PA 18360. If you submit the application and recording by mail, please mail it early enough so that we receive it by the stated deadline;
- c. by email to music@pocono-youth-orchestra.org. The completed application (pages 3 & 4, and any additional information) should be in PDF format. If you are submitting an MP3 by email and the size of the file is larger than 8 MB, email us at the email address above for instructions on how to upload the file. We will acknowledge receipt of all email submissions. If you do not receive an email from us confirming that we received your submission, assume that we did not and contact us.

If you are selected to perform for the PYO Scholarship Committee, your **audition** performance will take place on **Saturday, May 7, 2016** at **10 am** in the Community Room of the Eastern Monroe Public Library, 1002 North Ninth Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360.

Selected applicants will be **notified** by email by **Monday, April 25, 2016**. Please make sure you have included your email address in the application so that we can notify you of your audition.

The scholarship selection committee will include the PYO Music Directors and the PYO Board Scholarship Committee. We will announce the scholarship winner at the PYO Spring Concerts.

Any questions should be directed to:

Anthony Simons, Music Director
Audrey Simons, Assistant Music Director
610-965-0268
music@pocono-youth-orchestra.org

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APPLICATION

Date: _____

A. PERSONAL DATA

Name _____ Age _____

Email address _____

Mother's Name _____

Father's Name _____

B. SCHOOL AND MUSICAL BACKGROUND

School Name _____

Address _____

Years Attended _____ Grade Average _____

School Music Teacher _____ Phone _____

Private Music Teacher _____ Phone _____

Instrument(s) _____ Years Played _____

Years as a PYO/PJSO Member _____

On a separate sheet, list the music ensembles, camps, classes, lessons, etc., in which you have been involved. Also include the years of participation in each activity.

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C. MUSICAL PLANS

Write a brief description of your musical plans.

If you are the recipient of this scholarship, how would it be used?

List the title and composer of the composition to be performed:

If you are selected to perform for the PYO Scholarship Committee, please list the name of your accompanist, if applicable.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____