

# HANSEN FAMILY MUSIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP - Applicant Information Form

## PURPOSE

The guiding purpose of the Hansen Family Music Excellence Scholarship (the "Scholarship") is to recognize both the excellence of the HCHS Music Department and of its students.

Three (3) graduating HCHS Music Department seniors will each receive a \$2,000 merit-based scholarship award grant. Each recipient will represent a different HCHS Music Department Performance Area - Band, Orchestra & Vocal Performance ("Performance Area(s)"). Although a scholarship applicant (an "Applicant") can only apply once and can only be selected for one Performance Area, the Applicant's work in multiple Performance Areas can be considered.

## RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants will be selected ("Scholarship Recipients") based on the following:

1. Leadership in HCHS Music Department Performance Areas;
2. Commitment to the pursuit of excellence in their own personal musical abilities;
3. Integrity, trustworthiness & ethical character in their personal behavior;
4. Willingness to assist other musicians;
5. Achievement of a solid academic record - both in HCHS overall & in HCHS Music Department  
only classes - no minimum G.P.A. needed; but, dedication to academic efforts and progress must be shown;
6. Quality & timeliness of all application materials - no late submissions; and
7. Fulfillment of eligibility requirements per Scholarship policies.

The Applicant must be:

- a. A graduating HCHS Senior;
- b. A HCHS Music Department student for the majority of their tenure at HCHS;
- c. Planning to enroll in a college or university within two (2) years of their HCHS graduation - A Music Major is NOT required for consideration.

Selected Scholarship Recipients will be announced at the annual HCHS Music Awards Concert with monetary grants given at the annual HCHS Senior Scholarship Assembly.

## PROCESS

The deadline date (the "Deadline Date") of Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026 at the 11:59 PM is when the following items must be submitted by the Applicant:

1. A "Hansen Family Music Excellence Scholarship - Application Information Form" (the "Application Form"). In addition to affirming the Applicant's eligibility (graduation status, HCHS Music Department participation, post-high school education plans), the Applicant must provide on this form their:
  - a. Full legal name;
  - b. Home address;
  - c. Email address;
  - d. HCHS Student I.D. #;
  - e. Contact phone number;
  - f. HCHS Performance Area Group participation by semester;
  - g. Key HCHS activities (up to 6); and
  - h. Related leadership roles & honors.
2. In their Application Form, the Applicant must identify a HCHS Music Department Faculty Member ("Music Faculty Member") who will prepare and submit an assessment of the Applicant (an "Assessment"). The Selection Committee will send to the Music Faculty Member a link to an online Assessment Form. The Faculty Member has one week from the Deadline Date to complete the assessment. The Applicant remains responsible to confirm that the Assessment is ultimately completed in a timely manner. Please note that the Selection Committee will only send the link to the Music Faculty Member after the Application Form has been submitted online; therefore, it is best to complete the Application Form early.
3. The Applicant must prepare a required one-page personal essay and submit it via email to [HansenFamilyScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:HansenFamilyScholarship@gmail.com) in a PDF file - formatted as directed below. The personal essay should address the following three (3) questions:
  - a. Why did the Applicant chose their personal form of musical expression?
  - b. How has that choice impacted the Applicant?
  - c. How has the HCHS Music Department best prepared the Applicant for their future career and artistic goals?
4. At their option, the Applicant may submit relevant supplementary materials (the "Supplementary Materials"), such as a one-page Musical Vitae/Resume, which demonstrate the Applicant's dedication to achieving musical excellence for both the Applicant and/or their colleagues. The Supplementary Materials to be considered should be emailed to [HansenFamilyScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:HansenFamilyScholarship@gmail.com) in a PDF file - formatted as directed below.

## FORMAT AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### ONE-PAGE PERSONAL ESSAY

Please Include the Applicant's name in the heading of the essay. Submit the essay in a PDF File by emailing it as an attachment to [HansenFamilyScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:HansenFamilyScholarship@gmail.com). The PDF file

name should be labeled first with the Applicant's HCHS Student I.D. # followed by the word "ESSAY" (ie. label example of "8yy001 ESSAY.pdf" where "yy" is year). Please include the Applicant's HCHS Student I.D. # and Legal Name in the email's Subject Line.

## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

The Applicant is encouraged, but not required, to submit brief supplementary materials. All items should be emailed in PDF Files to [HansenFamilyScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:HansenFamilyScholarship@gmail.com). The PDF file name should be labeled first with the Applicant's HCHS Student I.D. # followed by a descriptive word (ie. "RESUME" - label example of "8yy001 RESUME.pdf" where "yy" is year)). Include the Applicant's HCHS Student I.D. # and Legal Name in any email's Subject Line.

## PROCESS NOTES:

1. All Applicants should submit only ONE Application. At the sole discretion of the Selection Committee, multiple applications by a single Applicant could make the Applicant ineligible for consideration.
2. Once an Application has been submitted by the Applicant on-line, the Applicant will not have access to the Application - so please VERIFY that all information entered is accurate and comprehensive. You will NOT have the ability to further edit the Application after you hit the SUBMIT button at the end of this Application Form without the full permission by the Selection Committee; and, that permission may be withheld for any reason.
3. The Application must be completed and submitted by the above Deadline Date at 11:59 PM to be considered. No late or incomplete Applications will be considered.
4. The Applicant is solely responsible for the timely submission and receipt by the Selection Committee of all Application materials, including the Assessment (see the Info Sheet).
5. Once submitted, the information provided will be shared amongst HCHS Faculty, the Selection Committee and other interested parties. Although the distribution of the information submitted is intended for use in evaluating Applications for the Scholarship, Applicants should not submit information that the Applicant wants to remain private.
6. Although precedence is given to contributions made to the HCHS Music Department, an Applicant's work outside can be considered by the Selection Committee. Solely at the Applicant's option, in addition to the Assessment by a HCHS Faculty Member, an outside recommendation can also be considered, but should be limited to one additional assessment per Applicant.

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\* Indicates required question

1. Email \*

## Untitled Section

### Information Requests

Please complete the following information requests for full consideration:

2. Applicant's HCHS Student I.D. # \*

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3. Applicant's First Name \*

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4. Applicant's Middle Name or Initial \*

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5. Applicant's Last Name \*

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6. Applicant's Contact Phone Number: \*

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7. Applicant's Home Street Address \*

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## 8. Applicant's Home City \*

Dropdown

*Mark only one oval.*

- Burr Ridge
- Clarendon Hills
- Hinsdale
- Oak Brook
- Westmont
- Willowbrook
- Other

## 9. Applicant's Home State \*

Dropdown

*Mark only one oval.*

- IL
- Other

## 10. Applicant's Home Zip Code \*

Dropdown

*Mark only one oval.*

- 60514
- 60521
- 60523
- 60527
- 60559
- Other

11. Which HCHS Music Department Faculty Member will be completing \*  Dropdown your assessment?

*Mark only one oval.*

- Matt Kurinsky
- Jennifer Burkemper
- Serge Penksik
- Grace Adduci
- Other

12. HCHS Music Department Performance Area(s) in which you participated: \*  
Check all that apply.

*Check all that apply.*

- Band
- Orchestral
- Vocal

13. List your HCHS Music Department Performance Area Group(s) and the \* semesters in which you participated:

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14. List your key HCHS Activities, Leadership Roles & Honors (up to six(6) maximum): \*

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15. What is your Overall G.P.A. at HCHS on a weighted 6.0 scale? \*

Please note that there is no minimum G.P.A. requirement; but, dedication to academic progress should be clearly demonstrated.

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16. What is your G.P.A. in HCHS Music Department classes only on a weighted 6.0 scale? \*

Please calculate your G.P.A. for only classes taken within the HCHS Music Department.

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17. Are you going to graduate from Hinsdale Central High School in Spring of the year of the Deadline Date? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

18. Were you a student in the HCHS Music Department for the MAJORITY (over 50%) of your class time while enrolled at HCHS? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

Not Sure

19. Are you planning to go to college / university? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

20. If you are planning to go to college / university, which institution do you want to attend?

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21. If you are planning to go to college / university, will you enroll within two years of your HCHS graduation? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

N/A

22. If you are planning to go to college / university, what field are you planning to study? \*

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