



Dear Director or Private Instructor,

It's solo competition season! The American Wind Band continues to inspire gifted young musicians with our 16th annual Scholarship Competition, with \$1,300 to be awarded to one high school soloist and \$900 to each of two 8th grade soloists.

Scholarships are provided to promote private music study or participation in music camps. Our competition is not a replacement for any band, school, or district-wide competition. Only top performers of band instruments in 8th grade and high school are eligible for scholarships. We hope that you will encourage your top performers to participate.

Please note that our new application format is now a two-step process. Applicants will provide sound recordings of their solos for the first round of the competition. Judges will only consider the quality of the recorded performance but not the quality of the media used. Based upon those recordings, the scholarship committee will select contestants to compete in the second round: a live audition. The live audition will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2016, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 4501 Main Street, Downers Grove, Illinois.

Enclosed are the following (also downloadable from the www.americanwindband.org website):

1. An Application Form - due by February 12, 2016
2. A Solo Scholarship Audition Information letter
3. A poster

To be scholarship recipients, second round winners are required to perform at our concert at the Hinsdale South High School Auditorium, 7401 Clarendon Hills Road, Darien, Illinois on Sunday, April 24, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. We hope that you and all your students will attend the concert. Our dedicated and growing audience appreciates the inspiring performances of the young contestants, and the scholarship concert is a favorite of many band members.

Thank you for your continued dedication to music education. If you have any questions, email americanwindbandil@gmail.com.

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