

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEMA SCHOLARSHIP

Students who are applying to receive a scholarship from DEMA must earn six DEMA performance points, complete their level of requirements, and receive a letter of recommendation from their DEMA member teacher.

The six DEMA points need to be from April of the year before to April 1st when applications are due.

Requirements for Middle School and under:

The student must write a one page double spaced essay on “Why they are taking music lessons”. They must also include their plans on how they will use the DEMA Scholarship.

Requirements for High School:

The student must write a two page double spaced essay on “How taking music lessons have influenced their life”. They must also include their plans on how they will use the DEMA Scholarship.

The student’s teacher must submit a letter of recommendation including the student’s performance ability, participation in music events, documentation of the earned DEMA performance points and why the student is being recommended for the scholarship.

DEMA Scholarships MUST be used for music related activities or materials. Activities can include music camps, seminars, fees for competitions, or for college music study. Materials could include music for lessons or competitions, funds to buy a new instrument, or any other music related purchase. DEMA Scholarships CANNOT be used to pay for lessons.

The deadline for scholarship applications is the date of the April DEMA meeting. The teacher may give the application to the scholarship chairman at the April DEMA meeting, send it by mail received by the scholarship chairman by the date of the April DEMA meeting, or via e-mail by the April DEMA meeting. All completed applications MUST be turned in by the April DEMA Meeting.

There will definitely be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner at each level depending on the amount of students applying. It is up to the decision of the Scholarship Committee if more awards are given. There can be more than one winner at each level or a 4th or 5th place winner(s). The amounts awarded will vary each year depending on funding. An e-mail will be sent out to DEMA members after the Scholarship committee has met and chosen the winners. That is usually within a week after the April meeting depending on when the honors recital is scheduled. The awards will also be included in the May Newsletter.

The winners will be sent an award letter within a week after the DEMA meeting. A photo of the winners will need to be sent to the scholarship chairman with permission from parents and students to display their photo at the Honors Recitals. Permission will also be needed to display the student’s essay at the Honors Recital. This all needs to be to the Scholarship chairman by within a week after the April DEMA meeting. The winners will be publicly awarded the DEMA Scholarship at the Honors Recitals.