



The GCHFA Hecht Music Scholarship is a scholarship program offered through Gulf Coast Homeschool Fine Arts (GCHFA) and generously funded by the Hecht Foundation. This scholarship program is offered to graduating high school seniors who will attend a college or university in the fall of the same year and pursue a music major or minor. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance for student musicians to receive a college education in music which can be applied to teaching and performing music in Florida's Gulf Coast communities and beyond.

Qualifications

1. Student must be currently enrolled and participate in a GCHFA program which may include band, orchestra and choir.
2. Student must be a member in good standing: no disciplinary or behavioral issues, no outstanding payments, no attendance issues.
3. Student must be a GCHFA member for no less than two consecutive years to be considered for a scholarship.
4. Student must declare, have applied for or have been accepted to a college or university and declare an approved major or minor in music (performance on related instrument, education, pedagogy, etc.).
5. Student must complete the GCHFA Hecht Scholarship application and return to GCHFA by the scholarship application deadline of February 1 of each year.

Guidelines

Music majors may be awarded a scholarship of up to \$7000 per year for up to four (4) years.
Music minors may receive a scholarship of up to \$4000 per year for up to four (4) years.

The amount of an annual scholarship will be based on the following criteria and may vary accordingly per year:

- scholarship funds available at the time of application;
- number of applicants;
- amount needed after other scholarships have been awarded (if student receives a full ride, scholarship funds will not be awarded that year)

To continue to receive a scholarship award, student must:

- maintain enrollment in college or university (scholarships do not apply to graduate or continuing education studies);
- maintain a minimum of a 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale);
- maintain a major or minor in music;
- complete the Verification of Scholarship Criteria form and return to GCHFA prior to a new semester and immediately notify GCHFA of any changes in criteria status. Failure to do so, or not meeting the prescribed scholarship criteria, will forfeit the scholarship without opportunity to reapply.

The GCHFA Scholarship Committee will take into consideration all information of the application including student leadership and organizational involvement, financial need, and continued support of GCHFA as an organization. Recipient's will be announced at the Spring Concert. Scholarship amount may not be provided until all college auditions have been completed and other scholarships awarded.

Approved scholarships will be sent directly to the university each semester to pay for tuition and room & board, up to four (4) years, as long as the student maintains the scholarship criteria.

Please complete the following pages of the GCHFA Hecht Foundation Scholarship Application and return it by email to Scholarship@GCHFA.org no later than February 1. Please contact us at Scholarship@GCHFA.org with any questions.



GCHFA Hecht Foundation Music Scholarship
Student Information
(If completing this application by hand, please print legibly)



Date _____

Student Full Name _____

Primary Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Date of Birth _____

Number of consecutive years participating in GCHFA _____

Month and year of High School Graduation _____

Cumulative High School Grade-Point-Average (GPA) _____ Scale _____

I am applying for this scholarship as a: Music Major _____ Music Minor _____

Specify area of study (e.g. music ed., performance, production) _____

Anticipated College Graduation Date _____

Parent or Guardian name(s) _____

Parent or Guardian phone number _____

Parent or Guardian email Address _____

Student signature _____

Parent / Guardian signature _____

Please complete and submit this page along with the "Tell Us About You" information on page 2 of this document.

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Tell Us About You

1. List the college(s) to which you have applied and/or have been accepted for the upcoming fall semester. If you have not yet decided on a school or your acceptance is pending, list the schools you are considering. Even if you have received notification of scholarship approval, funds cannot be awarded until a student is enrolled full-time at a college or university. Based on your application, an award may be made subject to review after college acceptance is confirmed.
2. Specify your primary instrument, secondary instrument (if applicable), years of study, and teacher(s)/instructor(s).
3. List all involvement in GCHFA including classes taken, instruments learned, chair positions if applicable, involvement in solo & ensemble w/ ratings, Concert MPA, volunteer/leadership opportunities, etc.
4. List all involvement in music activities, outside of GCHFA including solo, ensemble, musical groups, concerts, performances, and volunteer experiences.
5. List any special recognition, honors, awards or prizes received during the past five years, noting any accomplishments specifically in the area of music.
6. List your interests or hobbies outside of music.
7. Describe one interest or activity (in or out of school) which has engaged most of your time and energy within the past four years and to which you have made the strongest commitment. How do you evaluate the results of your involvement in this endeavor?
8. Describe your plans for the next five years, including your choice of career, and how you plan to prepare yourself for that career.
9. Submit an essay of no more than 500 words demonstrating your interest in pursuing a career or your specific long-term interest in music. Detail how you expect the scholarship to provide you with the education necessary to pursue your goals.
10. Please provide your high school transcripts along with this application.

Please complete all questions on this page along with the "Student Information" page 1 of this document.

Applications for the GCHFA Hecht Music Scholarship must be submitted to GCHFA by email at Scholarship@GCHFA.org, or by mail to Lisa Evans at 136 Golden Gate Pt. #102 Sarasota, FL 34236, and received no later than February 1 annually. Incomplete, illegible, or late applications will not be considered for scholarship awards.

Contact us with any questions or for further information at Scholarship@GCHFA.org.