Enclosed are the guidelines for Blackwood Music Scholarships to be awarded for the
year 2021

Blackwood scholarships are available to high school seniors intending to pursue a career
in instrumental music performance or education.

Please note Section 4 of the guidelines, which requires selected applicants to participate
in a personal interview and audition before a panel of professional musicians, members of
the Scholarship Committee and other artists. Once all applications have been received,
our Acting Media Director will contact each applicant with instructions on uploading
auditions via Google Drive.

Applications may be obtained online at BlackwoodArts.org.

Applications must be emailed to ben@blackwoodmusic.org or postmarked no later than
April 1, 2021.

Questions may be directed to:

Ben Robertson, 724-735-2813 or ben@blackwoodmusic.org.
GUIDELINES FOR BLACKWOOD MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

1. Blackwood Music Scholarships are designated to be awarded to high school seniors intending to pursue a career in instrumental music performance, chosen on the basis of:

- Musical talent
- Recommendation of private music instructor (highly recommended)
- Reference of high school music teacher
- Academic proficiency
- Motivation
- Essay

2. Scholarships and grants totaling $20,000, in varying amounts from $2,000 to $5,000 will be available for the year 2021.

3. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2021.

4. After a review of applications, invited participants will be required to upload an audition via Google Drive to be judged before a panel of professional musicians, members of the Scholarship Committee and other artists. Each audition should last approximately 10 minutes. Auditions must be uploaded by April 10, 2021.

   - AUDITION REPERTOIRE
     - One movement of a recital piece; such a Sonata or Concerto
     - One movement or short piece of contrasting character

5. Once our panel has reviewed all submitted auditions, each applicant will be asked to join a Zoom meeting for a question and answer session. This will take place at 12:00 noon on Sunday, April 18, 2021. Shortly after this meeting, each applicant will be notified of the results.

6. There will be no restrictions in the selection procedure based upon sex, race, creed, national or ethnic origin, or the employment status of any prospective recipient or relative thereof.

7. Anyone directly or indirectly related to any officer, director, or member of the Scholarship Committee will not be eligible for a scholarship.

8. Scholarships will be awarded only to non-profit institutions that are classified as tax-exempt under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

9. Awards will be issued jointly in the name of the recipient and the educational institution. Validation of acceptance to a certified educational program is necessary.

10. The scholarship or grant will become void if the recipient does not enter a certified educational institution within one year of the date of the award.
GUIDELINES FOR BLACKWOOD MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP (CONTINUED)

11. If within one year of the date of the scholarship or grant, the recipient changes his/her college major to the effect that a career in music will not be pursued, the amount of the scholarship or grant must be returned to the Blackwood Music Scholarship Fund.

12. Following a review of the auditions, the Committee may choose not to award scholarships in any given year, if it determines that no candidate has met the established criteria. Such a decision is fully within the Committee’s discretion.

13. All parts of the application must be sent in one envelope (or one email) by the deadline date. This should include the application, essay, official copy of your high school transcript, and reference forms. Please do not have any forms sent separately.
APPLICATION FOR BLACKWOOD MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

NAME_________________________________________ DATE OF BIRTH____________
HOME ADDRESS____________________________________________________________
CITY______________________________________________________________
STATE______ZIP____________________
TELEPHONE______________________________
E-MAIL____________________________________
HIGH SCHOOL____________________ GRADUATION DATE__
COLLEGE OR MUSIC SCHOOL/S TO WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED
________________________________________________________________________
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PROFESSIONAL GOALS______________________________
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INSTRUMENT ON WHICH YOU WILL AUDITION____________________
NAME OF PRIVATE TEACHER _______________________________
PREVIOUS MUSICAL TRAINING, INCLUDING SPECIAL PROGRAMS,
WORKSHOPS, HONORS, AWARDS, ETC.
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APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE
__________________________________________________________DATE_____________
APPLICATION FOR BLACKWOOD MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP (CONTINUED)

PLEASE ATTACH:

- ESSAY (250 WORDS OR LESS) ON WHY YOU WANT TO PURSUE A CAREER IN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PERFORMANCE AND/OR MUSIC EDUCATION.
- OFFICIAL COPY OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT.
- ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU FEEL WOULD BE OF VALUE TO THE COMMITTEE IN MAKING A SELECTION FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP.
- REFERENCE FORMS COMPLETED BY YOUR HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC TEACHER AND PRIVATE MUSIC INSTRUCTOR.

MAIL TO:

BLACKWOOD MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP C/O MR. BENJAMIN ROBERTSON
118 BLACKWOOD LANE
HARRISVILLE, PA 16038

OR EMAIL:

BEN@BLACKWOODMUSIC.ORG

APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 1, 2021.
REFERENCE FORM FOR BLACKWOOD MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP
Each applicant is required to submit a reference from an individual who has knowledge of the applicant’s musical ability. Please attach a separate sheet, or, indicate below any information you feel would be of value to the committee in making a selection for the scholarship.

REFERENCE OF PRIVATE MUSIC INSTRUCTOR OR HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC TEACHER.
PLEASE RETURN THIS TO THE STUDENT IN A SEALED ENVELOPE.

Name (Printed) ___________________________ Date ______________
Signature ________________________________ Phone ________________

BLACKWOOD SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
c/o Benjamin Robertson
118 Blackwood Lane
Harrisville, PA 16038
ben@blackwoodmusic.org
APPLICATION’S NAME______________________________________________________

ADDRESS__________________________________________________________________

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