

RCMTG SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

A college tuition scholarship is offered each year through competitive audition to student of an RCMTG teacher. The teacher must have been a member of the Rockland County Music Teacher Guild for two consecutive years at the time of application.

The student must be a high school senior of outstanding musical ability and potential who is planning to enter college or conservatory to major in music.

Application must be made in writing by the teacher to the chairperson of the Guild Auditions at the same time that applications are due for the Guild Auditions. Applications forms are available online and from the Auditions Chairperson.

Applicants in all instruments and voice must present three contrasting styles of music - at least 15 minutes of performing time, no more than 20 minutes. Vocal candidates must sing in 3 languages. Memorization is required for voice, piano and strings, but is optional for woodwinds and brass. Audition requirements for those (such as composers) who are not planning on instrumental or vocal majors will be specified at the time the application is received.

There will be no fee charged for the application or screening.

The amount of the scholarship will be \$1000, subject to change in any year through a majority vote of the membership.

Judges secured for the Guild Auditions will screen scholarship applicants on the same day as the auditions. If a scholarship candidate wishes also to perform in the regular auditions, the scholarship screening will be held first.

No grades or evaluations will be offered. The judges will write a few comments for the teachers and the Scholarship Committee, explaining why the winner was chosen.

A tie is possible, in which case the award will be divided evenly.

The judges may decide that no award is to be given. Their decision is final.

The scholarship check will be made available to the winner(s) at tuition-paying time.

It is understood that if a recipient of the scholarship does not complete a full year pursuing the college or conservatory music major, the scholarship money will be returned to RCMTG.

A student's financial need will NOT be a consideration in determining the awarding of the scholarship.