

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES MUSIC TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND PARENTS

WHAT: The Jillian Prescott Music Awards Scholarship Competition. Sponsored and supported by the Richard Prescott Music Scholarship Endowment Fund and the Southwest Florida Symphony Society

WHERE: Florida Gulf Coast University, 10501 FGCU Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33965

WHEN: April 19, 2025

OPEN TO: Students aged 15-22

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Legal residents or full-time students in the Florida counties of Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Glades or Hendry, with a student I.D, and U.S resident (or with passport and work/student visa of F-1 status) and SSN (W-9 eligible). Foreign students may apply but may not win a cash prize if these qualifications are not met. Previous first place winners are not eligible. Previous runner up and rising star winners are eligible to participate.

COMPETITION STRUCTURE:

Participants will compete in one of the following two age categories and one of the following three discipline areas.

- **Ages 15-18; (High School*)** as of the date of the competition.
- **Ages 19-22; (College*)** as of the date of the competition

The competition is open to all music disciplines. *Piano, Harp, Strings, Voice, Woodwinds, Brass-winds, Mallet and Multiple Percussion. (No drum set)*

* *Note:* Any student attending college more than 50% of the time would participate in the 19-22 age group regardless of age. Any student attending high school who is over 18 would participate in the 19-22 age category.

Discipline Areas:

1. Piano / Harp.
2. Strings / Voice.
3. Woodwinds, Brass, Mallet and Multiple Percussion. (No drum set.)

AWARDS

- The participant declared as the winner **in each discipline area and in both age categories** will receive an award of \$1,000.00.
- The runner up in each discipline area and in both age categories will receive an award of \$600.00.
- 2 honorable mention awards of \$400.00 will also be given; one in each of the two age categories.
- **The overall winner of the competition will receive an additional \$ 1000.00 award.** The awards must be used for the purpose of furthering the recipient's musical development as stated on his / her application form and that has been approved by the scholarship committee and verified by the service provider. **An award recipient may be invited to perform for a special young artist recognition event** and possibly an opportunity to perform as a soloist with the SWFL Symphony.

COMPETITION RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

- Performers must provide five (5) copies of their music with measures numbered for the judges.
- Piano, Mallet Percussion, Multiple Percussion and Harp participants will perform solo without accompaniment.
- Strings, Voice, Woodwind and Brass participants **must perform with an accompanist.**
- Memorization is required only for the 19-22 age category.
- Performance time; eight minutes total. Appropriate cuts may be made in the music to fit the allotted time frame. If you need help with finding an accompanist, call the Symphony Office at 239-418-0996.

REPETOIRE REQUIREMENTS

Participants may choose to perform 2 shorter selections **or** one longer selection. **(Vocalists, See below)** If you perform **one** selection it must be from **classical repertoire**. If you perform **2 selections** one must be from **classical repertoire** and the other from a **contrasting musical style / genre** of your choice. **Vocalists must perform 2 selections.** One must be in **English** and one in **another language**. One must be from **classical repertoire** and the other **from a contrasting musical style / genre** of your choice.

DRESS CODE- Age-appropriate “dress up” performance competition attire.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 5, 2025. Strictly enforced. **A maximum number of 24 participants will be accepted to participate in the competition. The first 24 students to submit complete applications that meet all requirements will be allowed to participate. Everyone who submits an application will be notified about their participation status.**

APPLICATION FORM: The form must be typed and submitted by email to Scholarships-2025@outlook.com **All applicants must satisfy the above requirements to be allowed to participate.** All final competition information and details will be provided to those who apply and meet all requirements. **The decisions of the judges are final.**

If you have not received an application, please email. Scholarships-2025@outlook.com