

## 2025 VENICE MUSICALE SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

### Overview

Venice Musicale is a non-sectarian, non-profit organization with two main purposes: to enrich the cultural experience of area residents through free quality music performances and to invest in young musicians through its annual Scholarship Program. Venice Musicale scholarships aid the development of next generation musicians through financial support for participation in music programs, including private lessons, summer music camps, or first-year postsecondary music performance studies. To date, Venice Musicale has provided more than \$250,000 in scholarship support to area youth, with individual awards ranging from \$200 to \$3,000.

### Eligibility

To apply for a 2025 Venice Musicale Scholarship, students must:

- A. Be enrolled and in good standing in public or private elementary, middle, secondary, charter school, or Homeschooled; **AND**
- B. Live in **or** attend school in the area bounded by and inclusive of Osprey to the north and Charlotte County to the south. Homeschooled students must live within this geographic boundary.
- C. Be a K-12 student planning to participate in one or more of the following performance development activities:
  - a. Private music lessons; or
  - b. Summer music camp; or
  - c. First-year music performance courses at an accredited two- or four-year college (for rising high school seniors only).
- D. Complete and submit an online application at [venicemusical.org](https://venicemusical.org) **no later than midnight February 24, 2025**, with the addition of a confidential recommendation from the student's primary music teacher and a signed Photo and Video Release. All necessary forms must be downloaded from [venicemusical.org/About our Scholarships](https://venicemusical.org/About%20our%20Scholarships).
- E. Be available, if selected, to participate in scholarship auditions on **Saturday, March 29, 2025** (see Auditions below for additional details.)
- F. Be available, if selected, to perform in the 2025 Venice Musicale

Scholarship Winners' Concert on **Tuesday, April 29, 2025**, at 6:00 PM

## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. ALL APPLICANTS:** Go to [venicemusical.org](http://venicemusical.org) and look for the heading, Scholarships. From the drop-down menu, click on About Our Scholarships
- 2. Download and complete the Signature form.** Scan it into your computer. Your teacher can also access the Teacher Recommendation form or you can print it and give the hard copy to your teacher. If you are reading these instructions, you already have the Guidelines document. *Teacher forms should remain confidential.*
- 3. FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS:** Go to *New Scholarship Applicant Registration* from the drop-down menu.
- 4. Under Contact Information, create a username and password, and fill in all required fields.** You'll receive an email confirming your username and password the first time.
- 5. ALL APPLICANTS:** Upload the *2025 Photo and Video Release and Privacy Policy Signature* form signed by the parent of any student under 18 or by the student him- or herself if 18 or over. Click on REGISTER.
- 6. ALL APPLICANTS log in.** Go to your Account Menu and access your *Current Scholarship Application*.
- 7. Fill in all required fields. Click SAVE.** You will receive an email stating **Welcome to Venice Musicale!** with further instructions.

## **PROCESS**

### **A. Application Review**

The Venice Musicale Scholarship Committee will review all completed applications and Teacher Recommendations. The committee will invite a select number of applicants to audition in front of a panel of judges who are professional musicians.

**B. AUDITIONS:** Those invited to audition will be notified by email with complete instructions no later than **March 13, 2025**. Auditions will be held on **March 29, 2025**, at St Mark's Episcopal Church in Venice.

## CATEGORIES OF COMPETITION:

There will be three categories of competition which correspond to public school grades—Senior Division, Middle School Division, and Elementary Division.

**SENIOR DIVISION** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) - Students must perform two compositions of contrasting periods and styles of music, *including at least one from memory*. Students have a ten-minute time limit and should, if possible, provide their own accompanist for selections written to be accompanied. Vocalists are the only performers *required* to perform with piano accompaniment.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION** (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades) - Requirements are the same as the Senior Division. These students will only be competing against other students in these three grades.

**ELEMENTARY DIVISION** (K-5<sup>th</sup> grades) - These students are only required to prepare one piece and must perform it from memory. They will have five minutes and should also provide an accompanist as needed.

- C. **ALL STUDENTS** must provide **three (3) copies** of their sheet music with the **measures numbered**, for use by the judges. All music will be returned immediately following the audition.
- D. **A PANEL OF JUDGES** will score each applicant in five selected elements of performance including: accuracy, technique, rhythm, tone quality, and expression. (See the Teacher Recommendation form for more details.) A scoring summary with comments from the judges will be emailed to each student. Sharing the summaries is part of Venice Musicale's effort to ensure that each auditioning student receives helpful feedback to support his/her continuing development as a musician.
- E. **AWARDS**  
The Venice Musicale Scholarship Committee will convene immediately following the completion of auditions and will recommend awards in all three categories. Award winners will be notified within seven (7) days.
- F. **PAYMENT**  
Scholarship recipients must provide Venice Musicale with formal proof of enrollment in a summer camp or acceptance into a university (graduating senior). Those winners who will be using their award for private lessons will be furnished with a **Private Teacher Contract**

which can be passed on to their teacher for his/her signature. The contract should be returned to Venice Musicale as proof that the student is using the award for private lessons. Awards will then be paid by check to the parent or student (if age 18). Recipients may request that their awards be paid directly to the appropriate private teacher, summer camp or college.

- G. **Scholarship Winners' Concert and Other Performance Opportunities.** Scholarship recipients must perform in the annual Scholarship Concert on **Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 6:00 PM** at St Mark's Episcopal Church. Venice Musicale also invites recipients to perform in its regular monthly concerts between October and April, whenever possible. This not only provides opportunities to showcase winner talents but also helps raise awareness and support for the Scholarship Program.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES: PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

February 24, 2025	Application and Teacher Recommendation Deadline
March 13, 2025	Audition Invitations to be sent to Selected Applicants
March 29, 2025	Auditions
April 1-5, 2025	Winners notified
April 29, 2025	2025 Scholarship Concert

#### **SUBMISSION AND GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please be sure to submit your completed application **no later than midnight on February 24, 2025**. Please have your music teacher submit his/her recommendation form through email to [scholarship@venicemusical.org](mailto:scholarship@venicemusical.org) by the deadline date. You may direct questions to scholarship chair, Betsy Bullis, at [brbullis8517@gmail.com](mailto:brbullis8517@gmail.com) or call 317-441-4471.

We cannot accept in-person deliveries and will not make deadline exceptions. Please plan accordingly.

Thank you for your talents and for your interest in being part of the 2025 Venice Musicale Scholarship Program!