



CINCO RANCH HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA FRIENDS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

COVER SHEET

This cover sheet will be removed to ensure anonymity.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

University Name: _____ Major: _____

CHECK LIST FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

- ___ Applicant is a graduating senior at Cinco Ranch High School.
- ___ Applicant must plan to Major in Music, or participate in Orchestra at their University.
- ___ Applicant must have participated fully in the CRHS Orchestra from their first opportunity through the end of their senior year.
- ___ Applicant's family must have been a member of CRHSOF all years that their child has participated in CRHS Orchestra year.
- ___ Applicant must include a copy of his/her most recent report card or unofficial transcript showing current GPA.
- ___ Applicant must include the attached reference form completed and sealed from a teacher/coach/church leader/etc.
- ___ Applicant must include a written essay.
- ___ Applicant must include the attached Orchestra Musicianship Form signed by Mr. Nelsen

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Application must be submitted by **May 16, 2016**. Applications should be dropped off in the clearly-marked box in the Orchestra Room. An Orchestra Friends Board Member will collect applications from the box. Under no circumstances will any applications be accepted unless they are deposited in this box by **May 16, 2016**.

Scholarship Application Processing Guidelines CRHSOF

The purpose is to award one or more college scholarships to seniors currently in the Cinco Ranch High School Orchestra Program who plan to Major in Music or participate in an Orchestra group at their University. The number of scholarships and the amount of award per scholarship will be determined each year by the Cinco Ranch High School Orchestra Friends (CRHSOF) Executive Board. The decision whether or not to award a scholarship will be made annually by the Executive Board, depending upon the available funds in the CRHSOF Account.

Applicants must be current students in the Cinco Ranch High School Orchestra Program and have participated fully from their first opportunity to do so. Applicants must be seniors, and eligible for graduation in the spring semester of the current school year. Transfer students must submit documentation to the Orchestra Director to verify participation in orchestra activity from previous high school programs. Applicants must provide a copy of their latest Report Card or Unofficial Transcript verifying their current GPA. Applicant's family must have been a member of CRHSOF all years that their child has participated in CRHS Orchestra. Scholarship winners must be able to provide proof of enrollment, a copy of their University Student ID number/photo and an address of the accredited university for the CRHSOF Treasurer to send scholarship payments directly to the university on their behalf.

The scholarship(s) shall be awarded upon the assessment of four criteria.

(1) Applicant will be awarded points based upon musicianship. Points will be awarded for the participation and accomplishments earned each year the student was in orchestra. (2) Applicant will receive points for an essay. (3) Applicant will receive points for a reference. (4) Applicant will be awarded points based upon their grade point average (GPA).

Points will be tabulated in each of the four criteria areas:

Musicianship	35%
Essay	35%
Reference	15%
Academic (GPA)	15%

Points awarded for GPA will be as follows:

<u>GPA</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
2.500 – 2.599	1	3.700 – 3.799	13
2.600 – 2.699	2	3.800 – 3.899	14
2.700 – 2.799	3	3.900 – 3.999	15
2.800 – 2.899	4	4.000 – 4.099	16
2.900 – 2.999	5	4.100 – 4.199	17
3.000 – 3.099	6	4.200 – 4.299	18
3.100 – 3.199	7	4.300 – 4.399	19
3.200 – 3.299	8	4.400 – 4.499	20
3.300 – 3.399	9	4.500 – 4.599	21
3.400 – 3.499.....	10	4.600 – 4.699.....	22
3.500 – 3.599.....	11	4.700 – 4.799.....	23
3.600 – 3.699.....	12	4.800 --& above.....	24

The current CRHSOF shall select a Scholarship Committee which shall consist of three CRHSOF members who do not have seniors in the orchestra program. The Scholarship Committee will review the applications in order to ensure the anonymity of the applicants, and to ensure that all applications will be viewed in an unbiased fashion.

Each application shall be assigned a number, which will appear on each page of the application and be cross-referenced with any information detached to preserve the anonymity in the selection process. Detached information will include the cover sheet, the copy of the latest report card or unofficial transcript, and the reference form submitted by the applicant. The applicant's GPA will be verified through the report card or transcript and the Musicianship Point Form will be verified only through the signature of the Orchestra Director.

The CRHSOF Scholarship Committee will choose three impartial judges from the community. Each judge shall receive a numbered copy of the Essay. To be recognized as impartial, the judges must not have any family members currently enrolled in the CRHS Orchestra Program. A Judge Scoring Guidelines page will be attached to each Essay for use by the judges. The judges will not see the GPA, Reference Form, or Musicianship portions of the applications. The judges will receive blinded essays only. The essay will be assigned points at the judges' discretion based upon content and syntax.

The members of the Scholarship Committee will then identify the scholarship winners after points in all four categories are totaled and ranked from highest score to lowest score. In the event of a tie, the top applicants creating the tie will be re-evaluated. All results will be verified by a CRHS Administrator.

The awards will be announced annually in May at the End-of-the-Year Orchestra Banquet. The scholarship recipients will need to show proof of enrollment with intention to Major in Music, or participation in their University orchestra (as soon as it is available) to an accredited University in the United States for the fall term following high school graduation. The check for the award will be made payable to the University on the student's behalf.

In the event that a winner chooses not to further his/her education in Music, the right to the scholarship is forfeited. No alternate will be selected. Any scholarship money not awarded shall remain in the CRHSOF account.

Student GUIDELINES for Essay

Please consider the following elements when writing your essay:

1. How has being a part of the CRHS Orchestra influenced your life and how will music play a role in your future?
2. Dedication and commitment to the orchestra program.
3. Attitude
4. Leadership
5. Character
6. Essay construction (including grammar, syntax, completeness of answer, and neatness)

