



## Mary E. Gardner Education Foundation Scholarship Program For McHenry County Youth Orchestra 2020-2021 Season

The Mary E. Gardner Education Foundation generously supports student musicians by offering need and talent based scholarships to dedicated young students participating or interested in joining MCYO. In addition to financial need, student dedication to their musical studies, musicianship and technical skill, desire to learn and improve on their instrument, and participation in any available school ensemble(s) will be taken into consideration when evaluating applications.

***Applications submitted on or before 11:59pm May 30, 2020 will be considered for continuing students. New students must submit application materials on or before 11:59pm June 6, 2020 to be considered.***

### ***Eligibility***

- Participants must be planning to enroll in MCYO's orchestra for the full 2020-2021 season
- Participants must be a K-12 student

### ***Application***

- Applications must be received by 11:59pm May 30, 2020 (continuing students) or June 6, 2020 (new students)
- Applications must include the following:
  - Audition video for MCYO due by 11:59pm May 30 (continuing students) or June 6 (new students)
  - Write a paragraph (250 words or less) or create a 1-2 minute simple video answering one or both of the following prompts:
    - How has music influenced you and why are you interested in joining or continuing with MCYO?
    - How has the COVID-19 pandemic impacted your life?

### ***Requirements for 2020-2021 Merit Scholarship Recipients:***

- Recipients will use their award to help offset the costs related to their MCYO participation
- Recipients will exhibit strong leadership and dedication in their 2020-2021 ensemble by excellent attendance, exemplary behavior and rehearsal preparation

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