

## ASHLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

### *2017-2018 Scholarship Program Information grades 5-8*

The Ashland Symphony Orchestra will award two (2) scholarships of **\$250** each to students in grades 5-8. This scholarship is to be used to assist the student in paying for private music lessons and will be disbursed directly to the student. The presentation of scholarships supports the ASO's mission of "music education for all".

- Student must reside in Ashland County.
- Student must play an orchestral instrument. *For a list of approved instruments, please visit the ASO website [www.ashland\\_symphony.org/scholarship](http://www.ashland_symphony.org/scholarship).*
- Student shall complete an application which must be received in the ASO office by noon on **Friday, January 26, 2018**. Application will include:
  - Completed printed application on the other side of this letter
  - A short essay (500 words or less) describing
    - Why you study or would like to study privately
    - What you hope to accomplish through private lessons and how this scholarship will help
    - Your future plans for music study and/or performance
    - Your musical influences
  - A letter of recommendation from your private instructor or school music teacher
- Student must participate in a live audition on **Thursday evening, February 15, 2018**, at the Ashland University Center for the Arts/Hugo Young Theatre, room 115. Student shall provide his/her own accompanist and six (6) copies of audition piece\*.

Recipients will be selected based on his/her complete application and musical ability. ASO staff, musicians, and/or members of the Board of Directors will comprise the selection committee. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Not all applicants will be selected to participate in an audition; only selected students will be scheduled for and notified of an audition time. Applicants selected for an audition will be notified by mail and/or email. Following auditions, the scholarship winners will be notified by phone.

Recipients will be announced and awards presented on **Saturday, March 10, 2018**: the Young People's Concert at 4:00 p.m. and "From Mozart to Gershwin" at 7:30 p.m. at the Hugo Young Theatre on the campus of Ashland University. Recipients are expected to be present to accept his/her award at both Saturday concerts. Complimentary tickets will be provided to the student and his/her parents.

Recipients are required to report their accomplishments by way of written letter, including a statement from their private instructor, to the Ashland Symphony Orchestra by the end of 2018. Winning students are not eligible for scholarships in 2019, but will be eligible thereafter. Note: if the student wins as an eighth grader, the student may apply as a ninth grader for the high school scholarship.

*\*New for 2017-18, students must provide 6 (six) copies of audition piece for judges.*

*Ashland Symphony Orchestra  
2017-2018 Scholarship Application  
Please read important information on the reverse.*

APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Name		
Cell Phone	Home Phone	
Address		
City	State	ZIP Code
Email		
Parent/Guardian		
SCHOOL & INSTRUMENT INFORMATION <small>Attach additional sheet if necessary.</small>		
School	Grade	
Instrument(s)		
<i>If more than one, please list audition instrument</i>		
Teacher(s)	Years of study	
Activities		
Awards & Honors		

**Complete applications must be received by noon, Friday, January 26, 2018.**

Return complete application form, essay, & recommendation to

Ashland Symphony Orchestra  
Education Committee  
401 College Avenue  
Ashland OH 44805

Or email to [symphony@ashland.edu](mailto:symphony@ashland.edu)