



**The Wickenburg Cultural Organization  
College Scholarship Program  
For Music Majors**

**The Wickenburg Cultural Organization is proud to announce its  
College Scholarship Program.  
Scholarships will be awarded in amounts of \$1,000 or less.**

Please contact our office for circumstances or information that may not be covered below. We encourage all students with a passion for music and for whom music is a significant part of their lives to apply.

**Who is eligible to apply**

1. Graduating high school seniors who attend Wickenburg High School, or who are home schooled; and, who will be studying music as a major in college.
2. Non-graduating high School students who are taking college level courses in music in pursuit of a music-related degree.

**Selection criteria**

All decisions to award scholarships will be at the discretion of the scholarship panel based on, but not limited to, the following criteria:

1. Economic need of the individuals and/or their families.
2. Overall grade point average of 3.5 or better.
3. Grade point average of 3.5 or better in all music classes.
4. Currently taking lessons on, and proficient with, an instrument that would be part of an orchestra; or, are taking voice lessons.
5. Commitment to the pursuit of the study of music as a profession.

**Application Process:**

1. Complete an application form.
2. Provide two or three letters of recommendation. Letters may be from a music teacher in the academic setting the student is currently enrolled in; a music teacher from whom the student is taking private lessons; or from a person who is familiar with the student and his/her character, interest in music, and



future plans.

3. Attach a copy of your academic transcript.
4. Submit a one-page personal letter outlining why the study of music is important in the student's life; future plans for the study and application of music; and what have been the personal benefits derived from the study of music. *Content, passion, and honesty are more important than perfect presentation, so students are encouraged to compose their own letters and not solicit others to help with the creation of the letters.*
5. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of the written application, applicant interview, and demonstration of talent. Financial need and grade point average are considered but are not the sole criteria.
6. The WCO is an equal opportunity organization. This means that the WCO will not discriminate, nor tolerate discrimination, against any applicant or recipient on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability, age or veteran status in the award of scholarships, nor in the application, participation, access and treatment of persons in the scholarship process and activities. Additionally, the WCO will provide an environment for each scholarship applicant and recipient that is free from sexual harassment, as well as harassment and intimidation on account of an individual's race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability or veteran status.

#### Time Line:

1. Application packages are due by March 30<sup>th</sup>
2. Review of packages will be completed by April 13<sup>th</sup>.
3. Applicants will meet with the selection panel the week of April 16<sup>th</sup> for a short interview. At this meeting applicants will perform a piece of music of their choice for the panel.
4. Applicants will be notified of the panel's decision the week of April 30<sup>th</sup>.
5. A public recital honoring the WCO Music Scholars may be held in May on a date to be determined.



The Wickenburg Cultural Organization  
Music Scholarship Program  
College Scholarships

Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address and Phone if Different from Yours:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Overall Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average in Music Class or Classes (if being taken): \_\_\_\_\_

Music Instrument(s) You Play: \_\_\_\_\_

or

Voice Range/Part: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Phone Number of Private Instructor (if private lessons are being taken):

\_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Scholarship Request: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Scholarship Request (School, Location, Dates, Course of Studies, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



## Other Information

### Awards

Scholarship awards are paid directly to the recipient's higher education institution upon WCO receipt of proof of enrollment and course schedule. Note: If a scholarship winner does not use scholarship money during either the fall or spring semester following its award, said winner forfeits right to scholarship money. Note: The disbursement of scholarship funds remains at the sole discretion of the WCO.

### Conditions of Award

By the end of the academic year in which the scholarship has been used, each scholarship recipient must provide the WCO Board of Directors with a letter that

- o addresses how the recipient thinks he/she has matured as an artist,
- o lists all accomplishments (including a list of courses and grades earned),
- o describes the impact of the Creative Arts Scholarship on the recipient, and
- o indicates the recipient's artistic goals for the future.

The Scholarship process affords several media opportunities in which applicants and recipients are required to participate. Participation indicates the consent of all applicants/recipients to release and hold harmless WCO, its members, officials, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, complaints, suits or other forms of liability that shall arise out of, or by reason of, or be caused by the use of the applicant/recipient's image on television, radio, motion pictures, in the print medium or in the digital medium. It is further understood that, beyond the award amount approved by the WCO Board of Directors, all applicants/recipients agree that no monies or other consideration in any form including reimbursement for any expenses incurred by the applicant/recipient will become due to the applicant/recipient, his/her heir/s, agents, or assigns at any time because of the applicant/recipient's participation in the scholarship process and activities.

## Contact Information

Submit packages to, and contact us for more information, at:

Wickenburg Cultural Organization  
245 N. Tegner (Garcia Little Red Schoolhouse)  
P. O. Box 2687, Wickenburg, Arizona 85358  
928-684-7473 [music@wco.org](mailto:music@wco.org)  
Dianne Baker, Director

---