

# Mary West Memorial String Scholarship Application 2020-21

*I don't expect all of my students to become professional musicians. I just expect them to sound like professional musicians. – Mary West*



**The Mary West Memorial String Scholarship is an annual award given to a deserving string student based on the essay they submit.** Funds for this scholarship are provided by donations made to the Mary West Memorial Fund. The funds are administered and distributed through the Minnesota Youth Symphonies (MYS) by a Selection Committee. The MYS Board of Directors will establish the monetary amount of the scholarship based on the contributions made to the Mary West fund.

The scholarship award is \$500 and may be used for private violin, viola, cello or bass instruction, music camps, or other pursuits that will give the student a continuing education in music. **The scholarship will be awarded at the final concert of the MYS season.**

### To apply, a student must:

1. Be a full-time student in grades 7 through 12
2. Participate in MYS for the entire season (September-April) in the year the award is given
3. Play a string instrument (violin, viola, cello or bass) and exhibit dedication and promise with plans to pursue music
4. Not be a previous recipient of the Mary West String Scholarship

**Please email your application and essay to: [afhemmingsen@mnyouthsymphonies.org](mailto:afhemmingsen@mnyouthsymphonies.org) or mail to: 790 Cleveland Ave S, Suite 203, St. Paul, MN 55116 or turn your materials in at the MYS Admin Desk at rehearsal.**

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1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date (M/D/Y): \_\_\_\_\_
2. Street address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ MYS Orchestra: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
5. School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Instructor (private, band, or orchestra, list one person only): \_\_\_\_\_  
Email of the instructor you listed (email required): \_\_\_\_\_
7. Years of Instruction: \_\_\_\_\_
8. List any ensembles, other than MYS, that you participate in: \_\_\_\_\_
9. MYS will contact the teacher you list for their recommendation. Make sure you provide their email, as requested above.
10. **For your essay, tell us, in 600 words or less, why you should be considered for this scholarship and be specific about how you would use the money to further your musical education.** Please include your full name at the top of the essay. Essays should be typed and not handwritten.

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Signature of Applicant (Typing in your name certifies your signature.)

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Date