

Lake George Music Festival/Rotary Music Scholarship

The Lake George Music Festival and the Rotary Club of Lake George have established a scholarship to support aspiring area music students with a passion for community service and the arts. This scholarship aims to recognize and reward individuals who demonstrate exceptional talent in music, alongside a commitment to making a positive impact in their communities. The scholarship provides financial assistance for higher education, helping recipients pursue their academic and artistic dreams. By fostering creativity and leadership we hope to inspire the next generation of compassionate, community-minded leaders.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to current high school seniors studying in Warren, Washington, and Essex counties (New York State). Candidates must have been accepted to a college music degree program with plans to pursue an undergraduate degree in the music industry. Eligible degree paths include majors and minors in: music performance, music education, music production, music business, music industry, or theater. If you are unsure if your degree path qualifies, please contact us for clarification before applying.

This scholarship is also open to *undergraduate students currently enrolled in a degree-granting college music program (majors or minors both qualify)*. To qualify, college applicants must have attended a high school located in Warren, Washington, or Essex counties prior to beginning their college studies.

Previous applicants may apply. Previous winners may not apply.

AWARDS and CELEBRATION EVENT

Awards will be announced publicly on June 3rd, 2026 during intermission at the Lake George Music Festival's orchestra performance that evening.

All applicants and their friends and families are encouraged to attend! Funds for the scholarship will be raised at this event. 50% of all single ticket proceeds will be earmarked for the scholarship. Additionally, the Rotary Club of Lake George will contribute \$500 towards the final amount. Up to 4 scholarship recipients will be chosen.

Tickets can be purchased here: <https://www.lakegeorgemusicfestival.com/schedule>
All scholarship applicants and anyone else under the age of 18 will be admitted FREE.

Please join us with friends and family at this special event as we celebrate the power of music and giving back!

HOW TO APPLY

The Final Application deadline is May 15. Please use the following Google Form to complete your application.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSequelBduHKNgr6DoDCLs40VmJkYjYJJaJHTD2G7okKxdaiRQ/viewform>

The form will request the following supplemental materials:

- **List current achievements, including current and planned education**
- **100-word personal statement**
- **Link to recorded video**
- **Letters of recommendation** are not required but encouraged. These may be sent separately to info@lakegeorgemusicfestival.com

Personal Statement Guidelines:

This brief statement is your opportunity to tell us who you are beyond your list of achievements. In about 100 words, share what motivates you, the ways you've been involved in your school or community, and the goals or dreams that inspire your musical journey. We encourage you to be sincere and specific—this is your chance to help us understand your voice, your values, and what you hope to achieve as an artist.

Video Guidelines:

Applicants are welcome to use basic tools—such as an iPhone or similar smartphone—to record their performance video. High-end equipment is not necessary; however, the video should be clear, stable, and well-framed. We strongly encourage applicants to take time to edit or refine their submission, as both video and audio quality and presentation are important components of the scholarship adjudication process. A simple edit to remove long pauses, adjust lighting, or improve audio clarity can make a meaningful difference in how your artistry is represented. Please make sure video links are not password protected and live until at least June 1st, 2026. Videos should be between 5 and 10 minutes.