

Clara Freshour Nelson Music Scholarship Application Form
Application Deadline: April 1, 2012

Applicant's Name: _____ Social Security # _____ Date: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Academic Information

Major: _____ Degree Sought: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

University/College currently attending: _____ College/University attending, Fall, 2012 _____

Number college credits end of first semester freshman year: _____ Overall GPA _____

Number of dual credit/early admission _____ Credit by exam _____

Name of High School _____ High School Date of Graduation _____

Letters of References/Recommendations

Name (Title): _____

Name (Title): _____

Music Executive: _____

Audition Information

Applicant will submit a CD that best demonstrates their performance skill and artistry. Total length shall be between 2 and 10 minutes.

Title of composition(s): _____ Composer(s): _____

Instrument or voice: _____

Essay from Applicant: Please attach a brief statement that addresses your educational and professional goals.

Return this completed form and essay the Music Executive of your school. For additional information, see the TAMS website at www.txams.org.

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of Music Schools

The Clara Freshour Nelson Music Scholarship (Revised May 20, 2011)
Each Texas TAMS member institution may submit one application per year.

Eligibility, Terms, Conditions, Renewal Information:

1. Applicant must be a music major at a Texas institution holding a full membership in TAMS in good standing.
2. Applicant will be eligible to apply only during the second semester of their freshman year, having completed a minimum of twelve (12) semester hours during the previous fall semester. Dual credit, advanced placement, and/or early admission course work will not count against the second semester freshman standing of the applicant.
3. Applicant must have financial need and demonstrate merit.
4. The funds of this scholarship are to be used for tuition and fees and other related educational expenses including, but not limited to, housing, books, supplies, etc.
5. Applicant must maintain a minimum overall grade point average of 2.5.
6. Requirements for annual scholarship renewal:
 - a. Application for renewal may be considered on a semester basis for a maximum of seven (7) additional semesters beyond the initial award or until graduation with a baccalaureate degree, whichever comes first.
 - b. Student must be continuously enrolled as a full-time music major in a Texas TAMS member institution each academic year without interruption.
 - c. Music Executive must submit *Scholarship Renewal Form* each semester (see Dec 15/May 15 below). At any point student fails to meet eligibility requirements, the Music Executive will notify institution to refund unused award funds to TAMS.
 - d. Student award recipient must complete annual “thank you” acknowledgement and provide annual update of academic, teaching and/or performance activities (see Fall Semester below).
 - e. If a student transfers to another Texas institution holding a full TAMS membership in good standing, the scholarship award will transfer with the student.
 - f. Any exceptions to these conditions must be approved in writing by the TAMS Scholarship Committee.

Application/Selection Process and Deadlines:

- **April 1:** Deadline for application materials to be submitted to the institutional Music Executive. The application materials must include:
 1. A completed *Application Form*
 2. Transcript of all completed collegiate work
 3. Performance audio recording (performance time between 2 and 10 minutes)
 4. Letter from the Music Executive verifying application authenticity and specific degree of financial need of the applicant
 5. Two additional letters of recommendation
 6. A brief essay written by the student that addresses the applicant’s educational and professional goals.

All application material must be submitted on CD including *Application Form*, transcript, performance audio recording, two letters of recommendation, student essay, and the Music Executive letter of verification.

PLEASE NOTE:

All written documents must be saved on CD as PDFs. MP3 audio files are recommended. CD must be readable by standard cross-platform applications.

- **April 15:** Deadline for the institutional Music Executive to submit one nomination (all application materials) to the TAMS Executive Director. There must be four (4) copies of completed CD to TAMS postmarked by April 15. Each of the four CD's must be clearly marked with the name of the university/college and name of student applicant. Each of the four CDs must be in a separate sleeve or jewel case.
- **May:** The TAMS selection committee will complete application review and identify new and renewed scholarship recipients.
- **May 31:** All applicants and Music Executives will be notified of award decisions by the TAMS Executive Director.
- **July/January:** Each annual award will be distributed in two payments. The check for the fall semester award will be made out to the institution and mailed to the Music Executive by the end of July. The spring semester award will be mailed during the first week of January. The institution will be responsible for administering the award in two (2) equal installments (fall semester, spring semester).
- **October 1:** Deadline for scholarship award recipient to provide annual "thank you" acknowledgement and update of academic, teaching and/or performance activities. The Music Executive sends this material to TAMS Executive Director by October 1.
- **December 15 and May 15:** The Music Executive must submit *Scholarship Renewal Form* to TAMS Executive Director (December 15 and May 15). If at any point student fails to meet eligibility requirements, the Music Executive is responsible for refunding unused award funds to TAMS.

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The Clara Freshour Nelson TAMS Music Scholarship Renewal Form

(Submitted December 15 and May 15)

Student Name: _____

Institution: _____

First semester receiving Nelson scholarship: _____

To the Music Executive:

I hereby verify that _____ meets or exceeds the following:

- Continues as a music major at our Texas institution which holds a full TAMS membership in good standing
- Maintains a 2.5 or above grade point average
- Maintains full time student status

_____ YES _____ NO

If the answer is "NO"- it is the music executive's responsibility to notify the institution to refund unused award funds to TAMS.

Music Executive

Date

Optional additional information:

Please send completed form to:

Texas Association of Music Schools
Dr. James Lee, Executive Director
Costal Bend College, Music Department
3800 Charco Road, Beeville, TX 78102