

TAMS

Texas Association

of Music Schools

Clara Freshour Nelson Music Scholarship Application Form

Application Deadline: April 1, 2011

Applicant's Name: _____ Date: _____

School Address: _____

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

Home 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, 2011 _____

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

Letters of References/Recommendations

Name (Title): _____

Name (Title): _____

Audition Information

Applicant will submit an audio recording of a musical performance that best demonstrates their performance skill and artistry. Total length shall be between 2 and 10 minutes.

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

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

Return this form, along with official transcript, audio recording, letters of recommendations and the essay to the music executive of your school. The music executive will evaluate applications, certify the authenticity of the recording, and submit one nomination on four CDs to:

Dr. James Lee, Executive Director, TAMS
Department of Music
Coastal Bend College
3800 Charco Road
Beeville, Texas 78102
361-358-6339 – Office/Fax
jleeTAMS@gmail.com

Texas Association of Music Schools (TAMS)

The Clara Freshour Nelson Music Scholarship

Eligibility:

1. Applicant must be a music major at a Texas institution holding a full TAMS membership 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 demonstrate financial need and merit.
4. Applicant must maintain a minimum overall grade point average of 2.5.
5. Requirements for annual scholarship renewal:
 - a. Application for renewal may be considered on a yearly basis for three (3) additional years (6 semesters) past the initial award or until graduation with a baccalaureate degree, whichever comes first.
 - b. Student must be continuously enrolled in a Texas TAMS member institution as a full-time student 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, music executive is responsible for refunding unused award funds to TAMS
 - d. Student award recipient must complete annual “thank you” acknowledgement to donor 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 all application material to be submitted to the institutional music executive.

1. Completed *Application Form*
2. Transcript of all completed collegiate work
3. Performance CD (performance time between 2 and 10 minutes)
4. Two letters of recommendation
5. Brief essay written by the student that addresses the applicant’s educational and professional goals
6. Letter from the music executive verifying application authenticity and specific degree of financial need of the applicant

All application material must be submitted on CD including *Application Form*, transcript, performance CD , two letters of recommendation, student essay, and music executive letter of verification.

PLEASE NOTE:

All written documents must be saved on CD as PDFs.
CD must be readable by standard cross-platform formats.

April 15

Music executive must submit four (4) copies of completed CD to TAMS.

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c/o Dr. James Lee, Executive Director
Coastal Bend College
Music Department
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Beeville, TX 78102

May

The TAMS scholarship selection committee will complete application review and identify new scholarship recipients.

May 31

All applicants and music executives will be notified of award decisions.

July 1

Annual award will be mailed to the music executive for distribution. Institution will be responsible for administering the award in two (2) equal installments (fall semester, spring semester).

December 15/May 15

Music Executive must submit *Scholarship Renewal Form* to TAMS Executive Director. At any point student fails to meet eligibility requirements, music executive is responsible for refunding unused award funds to TAMS.

Fall Semester

Award recipient must complete annual “thank you” acknowledgement to donor and provide annual update of academic, teaching and/or performance activities. Music executive sends material to TAMS Executive Director.