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STRINGS MAGAZINE EDITH EISLER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD INFORMATION PACKAGE AND APPLICATION

Name of Scholarship	The <i>Strings</i> Magazine Edith Eisler Scholarship Award
Award Type	Annual scholarship, NOT renewable to previous winners unless they requalify.
Level of Study	Currently enrolled undergraduates.
Amount	\$1,500
Number of Awards	1
Major	Music education or performance of bowed-stringed instruments
Qualifications	Based on financial need, academic merit, and community service. Applicant must be a currently enrolled undergraduate or a high-school senior enrolled in an accredited college for 2019 / 2020, and majoring in music education at any degree-granting college or conservatory.
Application Deadline	May 10, 2019

Background

If you are a college-level string player preparing for a career in music education or music performance, you may be eligible to receive the annual *Strings* Magazine Edith Eisler Scholarship Award of \$1,500.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the *Strings* Magazine Edith Eisler Scholarship Award, you must:

- >> Play violin, viola, cello, or bass.
- >> Submit an application demonstrating financial need, academic merit, and a history of community service.
- >> Provide two written references, including one from your current instrumental instructor or professor.
- >> Answer the attached essay questions describing your passions and goals.

Scholarship Application Criteria and Selection Process

Awards are made on the basis of financial need, academic merit, and community service. Preference is given to applicants who intend to devote some or all of their professional energies to music education. Recipients are selected by a committee of staff members of String Letter Media appointed by the company's management. The funds must be used toward educational expenses.

About *Strings* Magazine

Strings is the print and digital magazine for players of violin, viola, cello, and bass, published by String Letter Media of Pt. Richmond, California. Founded in 1986, *Strings* is the primary specialized source of news and information in the string world, with a readership of 77,000 among professional, preprofessional, and amateur musicians. About 50 percent of *Strings*' readers also teach music in private and/or institutional settings.

About Edith Eisler

For nearly seven decades, violinist, violist, educator, and author Edith Eisler devoted her life to classical string music. She was a member of the landmark New World Symphony (one of the first to provide performance opportunities for minority musicians who were under-represented in mainstream orchestras). She also was an active chamber player and presenter, and a longtime string teacher, offering classes at the Harlem School for the Arts, Turtle Bay Music School, and other institutions throughout the New York area. For 25 years, Eisler was a corresponding editor and frequent contributor to *Strings* magazine. She died in 2011 at age 86.

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Application Instructions

Submit only one application per student. ***Incomplete applications will not be considered.***

All submissions must include the following:

1. A completed application form signed by the student and, if student is under 18 years of age, the student's parent or legal guardian.
2. Proof of current enrollment or an acceptance letter from your school's Office of Admissions and Records or Registrar's Office.
3. Academic Records
 - A. Incoming Freshmen: Official high-school transcript indicating the student's GPA or equivalent score.
 - B. Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors: Official cumulative to-date undergraduate term grade report and GPA from your current school's Office of Admissions and Records or Registrar's Office.
4. Proof of Financial Need:
Foreign students must provide equivalent documentation.
 - A. Copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR) for the current academic year (official U.S. Department of Education summary from your FAFSA information),
 - B. Copy of your Cost of Attendance (COA) from your Financial Aid Office.
5. Two completed Applicant Reference Forms — with at least one written by your current instrumental professor/instructor.
6. Completed essay questions.

Application Deadline

The completed materials must be mailed and postmarked no later than **May 10, 2019**. These materials should be mailed

to: *Strings* Scholarship Committee
Strings Magazine
501 Canal Blvd., Suite J
Richmond, CA 94804

Additional copies of this scholarship application are available at StringsMagazine.com.

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Applicant ID No.	_____
Date Received	_____
Applicant Score	_____

STRINGS MAGAZINE EDITH EISLER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION FORM

The applicant will not be considered unless all requested information is completed in full, and all requested documentation is provided. Please complete as legibly as possible. Feel free to furnish any written sections as attachments, and indicate so on application form.

PART ONE APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Email Address _____

Date of Birth _____

U. S. Citizen Yes [] No [] If not, do you have a valid Social Security number? Yes [] No []

Name of High School _____

City, State _____ Graduation Date _____

Name of Current College or Conservatory _____

Full Time [] Part Time []

Current Year of Study Freshman [] Sophomore [] Junior [] Senior []

Are you receiving any other kind of financial aid? Yes [] No [] If yes, please describe:

Current Major Field of Concentration

Music Education [] Music Performance [] Principal Instrument _____
(Must be violin, viola, cello, or bass)

How long have you studied your principal instrument, and with whom? Years _____ Months _____

(List most recent teacher first.)

Instructor's Name	From	To
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

PART TWO WRITTEN ESSAYS

Limit each answer to no more than 250 words. Submit attachments if necessary.

Tell us about your passion for string playing. How has it changed you and/or empowered you to help others?

Briefly describe your education and career goals.

Do you intend to pursue a career in music education? If so, why?

Briefly describe your experience, if any, as a teacher. What impact do you hope to have as a string teacher?

List any honors you have won either in high school or at your current college or conservatory.

List extracurricular activities, including leadership positions, either in high school or at your current college or conservatory.

List any community services you have participated in, either in high school or at your current college or conservatory.

PART FOUR APPLICANT SIGNATURE PAGE

Have you:

1. Completed and signed this application form and essay section?
2. Provided proof of current enrollment from your current school's Office of Admissions and Records or Registrar's Office?
3. Provided copies of Official Academic Records?
 - A. Freshmen: An official high school transcript indicating the student's GPA or equivalent score.
 - B. Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors: Official cumulative to-date undergraduate term grade report and GPA from your current school's Office of Admissions and Records or Registrar's Office.
4. Provided a copy of your SAR (Student Aid Report) and Cost of Attendance (COA)?
5. Provided two completed Applicant Reference Forms — with at least one written by your sponsoring professor?

Student Signature _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature _____
(if student is under 18 years of age)