

Chopin Club Scholarship Application

The Chopin Club has several scholarships from which awards are granted. *Chopin Club Scholarships* are available for graduating high school seniors who have been members in good standing of the Chopin Student Musicians Club for at least two years, and who intend to major in music. The *Sarah & Harold Libby Scholarship Fund of the Chopin Club* welcomes applicants who are -

- graduating high school seniors who intend to continue their musical studies in college;
- college or graduate students who are continuing musical studies or pursuing music as a profession;
- performing members of the Club who would like to enroll in programs (such as a project, workshop or residency) that will enrich their skills as musicians or music educators;
- scholarship candidates will have been members of the Chopin Student Musicians or Active Members of the Chopin Club for a minimum of two years.

Merit and financial need will be factors in awarding funds.

If you meet these guidelines, please prepare the following application and postmark it by the deadline of **March 16, 2018**. Mail it to :

Karen Dingley, Scholarship Chair
131 Varnum Drive
Warwick, RI 02818

Application

1. Name, address, e-mail address, phone number.
2. Instrument(s) or voice studies, duration of study, names of teachers and number of years of study with each.
3. Performance experience, as a soloist or as a member of an ensemble.
4. **Number of years of membership in the Chopin Student Musicians.** Other musical activities and awards.
5. Work experience, not necessarily music-related.
6. Please select one or more of the following questions and write a one page essay:
 1. Why do you want to pursue a career in music?
 2. How has music influenced your life?
 3. How do you anticipate that the study of music in college, in graduate school, or in a particular project or workshop will change your life and/or the lives of others?
7. Please answer these two questions:
 1. Do you currently receive financial aid?
 2. How will a Chopin Club or Libby Scholarship assist you in your pursuits?
8. **Submit a recommendation from a current teacher.**

9. Submit a *video or link to a video file*, 3-5 minutes in length, of a performance along with a brief self-introduction. An audio file may be submitted, although video is preferred.

For high school and graduate school applicants; adult members applying for project support may skip numbers 10 and 11:

10. Colleges to which you have applied, been accepted (if known), and which you plan to attend (if known).

11. Parents' names, address(es) and occupations.

High school seniors should perform at the April 8th meeting of the Chopin Student Musicians so that members of the Scholarship Committee may hear you. If you are playing a solo which has an accompaniment, please perform your selection with an accompanist of your choosing.

Applicants will be notified of the results by May 6th, 2018.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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