

WAXAHACHIE SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION

Dear Music Teacher:

The Waxahachie Symphony Association is offering music awards to outstanding Ellis County graduating seniors. We need your help in nominating seniors you feel are deserving of recognition for their musical ability.

The award (s) will be titled: THE WAXAHACHIE SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION YOUNG ARTIST AWARD.

We will have two categories, vocal and instrumental. The first place winner in each category will receive a cash award of \$1,500. The runner up in each category will receive \$1,000. The first place winners will perform at the Waxahachie Symphony Concert presenting WHEN SWING WAS KING: SAGU JAZZ BAND with the WHS JAZZ BAND on April 14, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. The concert will be held at the SAGU HAGEE CENTER, 1200 Sycamore Street , Waxahachie, Texas. The runner-up winners will be recognized, but will not perform at the concert. The purpose of the awards, is to encourage musical growth and achievement in Ellis County as well as to recognize students who show outstanding musical talent and accomplishments,

All area music instructors and private teachers are invited to nominate students who meet the following criteria:*

1. A graduating senior at an Ellis County High School.
2. Participant in a high school music program.
3. A private music student in organ, voice, piano or other instruments.
(recommended by a private music teacher).

***MUSIC SELECTIONS FOR AUDITIONS MUST BE UIL CLASS I LIST.**

The auditions will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at the Central Presbyterian Church, 402 N. College Street, Waxahachie. Applicants and accompanist should arrive at the church promptly at 4:00 p.m. Enter the church on the north side of the church at the ramp entrance. The students should come to the auditions dressed professionally. If there is an accompanist, they must attend the audition and perform with the student. Criteria for judging each student will include the teacher's written recommendation, a

brief interview, evaluation of citizenship, and performance of solo. If students auditioning do not meet the criteria laid out by the Scholarship Committee, it will be up to the discretion of the judges to select or not select a winner. The judges are professional musicians.

To nominate a student:

A teacher may select nominees or a student may apply and request a teacher's recommendation. Please complete a nomination form for each student. The student should fill out the biographical section. The teacher should complete the evaluation section and submit both forms mailing them by February 23, 2018, to:

Winnie O'Donnell
217 Oak Creek Drive
Waxahachie, Texas 75165

Phone 972 937 7908

The Waxahachie Symphony Association Young Artist Award Committee, who are professional musicians, will select the winner(s) following the auditions and winners will be notified. If you have any questions concerning the process, please call Winnie O'Donnell.

Thank you for your assistance by nominating your talented and deserving students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Winnie O'Donnell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Winnie O'Donnell
Chairman of Scholarship Committee

NOMINATION FORM

Waxahachie Symphony Association
Young Artist Award for Outstanding Musical Achievement

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION (to be completed by student)

Name: _____

Complete Address: _____

_____ zip _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Instrument: _____

Future plans after high school: _____

Grade Point Average: _____

List music teachers: _____

Length of time playing instrument or singing: _____

High School musical activities: _____

Other information of importance to committee: _____

Title of solo _____

Full name of composer _____

Name of accompanist (if applicable) _____

Parent(s) names: _____

Signature

Date

Feel free to duplicate this form.

RECOMMENDATION (to be completed and mailed by teacher)

Please comment on why you feel this student should be recommended for this honor.

Signed _____

Date _____

Telephone _____