



November 1, 2024

Dear Music Teachers and Guidance Counselors:

Each year, the Waxahachie Symphony Association awards \$5,000 in scholarships to outstanding Ellis County Seniors. The WSA Young Artist Awards recognize students with outstanding musical talents and accomplishments. Awards are given in two categories, vocal and instrumental.

We need your help to nominate seniors you feel are deserving of recognition for their musical ability and would like to compete for the 2024-2025 Waxahachie Symphony Association Young Artist Award. The first-place winners receive \$1,500, and second place receive \$1,000. The first-place winners will perform at the Waxahachie Symphony Concert on March 22. The second-place winners will be recognized on stage, but will not perform. If there is a conflict with the performance date, winners will perform on May 17.

We are excited to announce that Nelson University has agreed to match the scholarship for students attending the Nelson Music Program. To be eligible for the matching scholarship, the student must attend Nelson and pursue a music degree.

All area music instructors and 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, or
3. A private music student in voice, organ, piano or other instruments

The auditions are on **Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at Southwestern Assemblies of God University, Waltrip Hall (Band Hall) in the Hagee Communication Center, Waxahachie.** Auditions begin at 4:00 pm. A sign-up for auditions will be sent the week prior to streamline this process. Criteria for judging each student will include the teacher's written recommendation and performance of a **UIL Class 1 List solo**. **Students must provide their own accompanist to audition and must provide 4 copies of the music being performed.**

To nominate a student: Please **submit a completed nomination form along with your recommendation via mail or email by February 4** to: Ann Montgomery, PO Box 43, Waxahachie, Texas 75168, annmontgomery67@yahoo.com.

If you have any questions concerning the process, please contact me at 469-716-8844. Thank you for your assistance in nominating Ellis County's talented and deserving students!

Sincerely,

Ann Montgomery
Chairman of WSA Scholarship Committee



YOUNG ARTIST AWARD Nomination Form

STUDENT 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: _____

Student Signature

Date

