

Music for Everyone...for a Lifetime

Ages 6 Months to 86 Years and Beyond
Since 1924

Rising Stars Scholarship Contest FAQ

Who can participate?

All WNY students grades 6-12, regardless of musical background or knowledge. Beginning musicians are welcome!

How long should the essay be?

Between 150 and 500 words.

What does the winner receive?

First place will receive a full scholarship (valued around \$585) for individual instruction at Community Music School for the rest of the year. Second place will receive a half-scholarship (\$290 value). Lessons are 30 minutes in length and take place once a week until the end of June.

When is the deadline to enter?

Wednesday, September 30, 2009 at 5:00 pm.

How do students submit entries?

Entries can be mailed to or dropped off at the main CMS location, at 415 Elmwood Avenue, faxed to 884-7529, or e-mailed to cms.info@verizon.net.

What is the essay format?

Essays should be typed and double-spaced. Entries should include a cover page with the student's name, contact information (address, e-mail and phone), teacher, school (with address) and grade. It is important for judging reasons that no personal information (name, school, etc.) is revealed on/in the actual essay.

What are you looking for in these essays?

We want students to tell us why they love music, why it is important to them, why they are passionate about music. Students could write about their personal experiences with music, their reasons for wanting to study music, their goals as musicians or something completely different.

What type of instruction is available?

Piano, Voice, Violin, Clarinet, Drums, Electric Bass, Fiddle, Flute, Guitar, Horn, Mandolin, Marimba, Piccolo, Recorder, Saxophone, Trombone, Trumpet, Tuba, Viola, Cello

Where is Community Music School located?

Community Music School is located at 415 Elmwood Avenue, between Bryant and Summer streets. CMS also has satellite locations in East Aurora, Getzville, Lancaster, Lockport and Snyder, and collaborative after-school programs in Lackawanna and South Buffalo.



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What is Community Music School?

Founded in 1924, Community Music School is a non-profit organization committed to providing musical public service programs to Western New York and quality music instruction for individuals of all ages and levels of ability regardless of aspirations or financial resources. The professional faculty and administrative staff together with the volunteers believe that anyone who has a genuine interest in music can benefit from study and deserves the opportunity to pursue it.

Who are your instructors?

All of our instructors are experienced professionals with degrees in music and enthusiasm for teaching.

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