Dear Music Scholarship Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in music at Aurora University. Recognizing the skill, dedication, and enthusiasm music requires, Aurora University is offering music scholarships for performers in vocal and instrumental ensembles as well as in piano or organ.

This year, we are honored to hold an Aurora University Musical Excellence Scholarship competition in addition to our regular Music Achievement Scholarship auditions. The competition will be held on March 15, 2014, and will offer both one pianist and one vocalist a $5,000 scholarship. This scholarship will be renewable for up to four years totaling $20,000.

Following this letter please find:
- Audition information regarding the Aurora University Musical Excellence Scholarship Competition
- Audition information regarding the Music Achievement Scholarships
- Scholarship commitment regulations

AU music awards are open to music majors as well as students in any major. We support musicians who are or will become student leaders based on their musical achievement, academic record and passion for the art of music. If you have further questions regarding music scholarships or would like more information pertaining to our music programs, please visit aurora.edu/music or contact me at 630-844-4577 or lfredenb@aurora.edu.

To schedule a scholarship audition or enter the scholarship competition, please contact Ms. Debi Corrigan, Administrative Assistant for the Music Department, at 630-844-6161 or music@aurora.edu. You may also apply online at aurora.edu/musicscholarship.

Best wishes as you complete your current studies and begin your college education. We look forward to meeting you on campus.

Sincerely,

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Music Scholarship Descriptions 2014-2015

The Music Department offers two types of scholarships for incoming students:

1. Musical Excellence Competition Scholarships
2. Music Achievement Scholarships.

Note: You must apply and audition for both scholarships in order to be considered for both award types.

Aurora University Musical Excellence Scholarship Competition

- Apply online at aurora.edu/musicscholarship
- One pianist and one vocalist will win a $5,000 scholarship, renewable for four years equaling $20,000 of total scholarship in music. Secondary prizes may also be available.
- Students must compete in person on Saturday, March 15, 2013, starting at 11:00 a.m. An award ceremony and performances by the winners will begin at approximately 4:00 p.m.
- The competition will take place in Crimi Auditorium at Aurora University.
- Singers must perform two pieces memorized with one of the works being in a foreign language.
- Pianists should perform two pieces memorized in contrasting styles from the standard piano repertoire.
- The time limits between a maximum of 12–15 minutes of music.
- The competition is a closed setting, with no audience allowed.
- The Aurora University music faculty will serve as the judging panel.
- Competition entrants must be entering freshmen or transfer students who have applied and been accepted by AU Admissions or have an application pending admission.
- Changes of repertoire are NOT permitted later than 10 days prior to the competition date.
- Music major declaration is preferred, but not mandatory.
- An accompanist will be provided to you by the university and each student will be given a short time to discuss music with the pianist.
- Current Aurora University students are ineligible to participate in this competition.
- Scholarship will be awarded pending acceptance to Aurora University.

Deadlines: Applications should be submitted no later than February 28, and will be given notification of acceptance status via email. Entrants will be given their assigned audition times one week before the competition. Late applications will be considered pending time and space availability.
Music Achievement Scholarships

- **Apply and schedule an audition date online** at aurora.edu/musicscholarship.
- Award amount range from $500 to $3,000.
- Open to students regardless of major or minor.
- Vocalists, pianists, organists and instrumentalists may all apply.
- Memorization of piece preferred but not required.
- Pianists and instrumentalists may be asked to play scales or arpeggios.
- Vocalists will be asked to demonstrate sight reading.
- Non-music majors will need to perform a prepared piece of their choice, preferably memorized for vocalists and pianists.
- Music majors will perform two contrasting works of music. It is suggested that piano majors should perform a work by J.S. Bach and be prepared to play scales and arpeggios. Vocalists should sing one of their selections in a language other than English.
- After your audition you may be asked to work briefly with a music instructor and interview with faculty members.
- Auditions/interviews will last approximately 10-12 minutes.
- For students needing the service of an Aurora University accompanist, they will need to request an accompanist via Ms. Corrigan in the Music Office (contact information below).
- Provide sheet music for the accompanist the morning of the audition, or earlier for more advanced accompaniments.
- Please dress professionally for your audition.
- Upon completion of your application and audition/interview, your Admission counselor will contact you regarding the scholarship.
- Scholarship will be awarded pending acceptance to Aurora University.
- On the day of audition:
  - Applicants will be interviewed by the faculty and must perform one piece.
  - Applicants must submit an essay regarding why they hope to study music and what they hope to achieve.
  - Applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from one person who knows them as a musician commenting upon character, demonstrated work ethic, team participation and talent of the applicant.
- Audition dates throughout the year:
  - Monday, October 14, 2013
  - Saturday, November 9 2013
  - Saturday, February 1, 2014
  - Saturday, April 5, 2014
  - Thursday, May 8, 2014

  - Please make all effort to audition during these days. However, we understand that with performers and athletes, schedules can be difficult. Individually scheduled auditions are available.
  - It is preferable and more advantageous for the musician to appear personally. However, if distance is prohibitive, a Skype or digitally recorded audition may be permitted. The interview portion of the audition can take place via webcam or telephone.
  - Confirmation of your requested audition date and time will be emailed to you. For questions, please contact Ms. Debi Corrigan, Administrative Assistant for the Music Department, at 630-844-6161 or music@aurora.edu.

**NOTE:** Students who audition for the Achievement Scholarships may be invited to audition for Music Excellence and conversely, Music Excellence entrants may be awarded an Achievement Scholarship.
Scholarship Commitment

**ALL** scholarships, regardless of type, carry with them some serious responsibility outlined below:

- Conscientiously and fully **participate in and support the Aurora University ensembles**, including membership in University Chorale, Pep Band or Flute Ensemble. Additional ensembles are available.

- **Take four semesters of private lessons** beginning the freshman year. Applied lessons are offered as a class but arranged at a mutually agreeable time between the student and teacher. The four semesters should occur in the first two years of study at AU, but some flexibility exists for those with complicated class schedules.

- Students will be evaluated by the music faculty each spring to review academic progress and scholarship status. In order to be considered for scholarship continuation, students must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA.

- Please note: It is the student’s responsibility to follow through on scholarship commitments. Advisors will be notified of the student’s scholarship commitments. Faculty will be available to advise and will monitor student progress. The student will be notified once if he or she is in danger of not meeting scholarship commitments, with enough time to correct behavior. A student who does not meet his or her commitments while on scholarship will not be awarded a scholarship for the subsequent semester. Failing to meet commitments also endangers the likelihood of receiving scholarship funding in future years.