

The Delbert Cobleigh Music Award

Sponsored by the Binghamton Community Orchestra

The Delbert Cobleigh Music Award is designed to provide musical opportunities to a high school junior or senior. The award, which will total no more than \$500 depending on the needs of the applicant, may be used for various purposes, including private music lessons, music camp registration, musical equipment or other purposes, which lead to the musical advancements of the student.

The applicant doesn't need to become a music major, but should have a sincere desire to develop his or her skills as a musician. Hopefully, this award will be used to help the student become a lifelong musician who will continue to participate in instrumental musical ensembles for many years to come as it is the vision of the Binghamton Community Orchestra to promote orchestral music performance. The applicant should be able to perform on a traditional, orchestral musical instrument. These instruments are limited to: flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, bassoon, French horn, trumpet, trombone, tuba, percussion (mallet instruments, tympani, snare drum), piano (if the applicant plays it regularly in the school orchestra or band), harp, violin, viola, cello and bass. The applicant must be a resident of the following counties: Broome, Tioga, Cortland, Chenango, Delaware in New York or Susquehanna and Bradford in Pennsylvania. Additionally, the applicant must be a member in good standing of his or her high school orchestra, concert band or wind ensemble. Home-schooled students who are members of the Binghamton Youth Symphony or comparable organizations, such as community bands and orchestras, are also eligible for the award.

The Binghamton Community Orchestra has the responsibility for the selection of the award recipient, based on the information contained in the application. Please be specific and include as much pertinent information as possible. Any information you consider important to the worthiness of your request should be included. Additionally, the applicant must supply three letters of reference from people, including one from a director of your performance ensemble, who can vouch for your musical worthiness.

The award will be awarded to the recipient upon showing written proof that the money has been spent for the intended purposes. This proof can include a receipt for the purchase of equipment, verification of registration to a music camp, a letter from an instructor verifying that the student has taken the intended lessons or other proof as warranted by the purpose of the award. It is the intent of this award to be used for purposes other than college costs, such as tuition and living expenses.

Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (Home): _____; (Cell): _____; Email: _____

High School Presently Attending: _____

Home-Schooled: _____ Year in High School: Senior ____ Junior ____

Instrumental organizations of which you are an active member: _____

Please explain how you would use the award: _____

What is the total cost of the desired use of this award? (i.e. The total cost of the camp is \$700, and the award will partially fund the registration fee; or the cost of the lessons will be \$300, and I will need \$100 for instruction books.): _____

This application requires three letters of reference, including one from an ensemble director, one from a person who will vouch for your character, and the third from a person of your choice. The references must vouch for your honest intentions to use this award for the purposes mentioned above as well as your sincere desire to develop your musicianship. Parents and family are excluded.

The application is due on February 13, 2020. The recipient will be named on March 15, 2020. Send the completed application to: Binghamton Community Orchestra, Box 1901, Binghamton, N.Y., 13902.

Mark it: Attention Delbert Cobleigh Music Award Chair

Delbert Cobleigh Music Award Reference Form

Name of student applicant: _____

Name of person writing this reference letter: _____

Your relationship to the applicant: _____

Please write a short letter of recommendation that will provide an idea of the musical abilities of the applicant. Also, tell us why you think the applicant is worthy of the award.

Signed: _____

Position: _____

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Please ensure this form is returned to applicant in time for them to meet the February 13, 2020 application deadline.

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