



Salem Pops Orchestra

2008 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The SALEM POPS ORCHESTRA SCHOLARSHIP program recognizes outstanding commitment to the study of instrumental and vocal music. The SALEM POPS ORCHESTRA (Pops) will award an Educational Scholarship and one or more Music Camp Scholarships. Both are intended to provide financial assistance to local high school students with a deep personal commitment to the further study of music. The Educational Scholarship (\$1000) may be used at any accredited college or university. The Music Camp scholarship (one-half the cost of the camp up to maximum of \$500) may be used at any music camp acceptable to the Pops Scholarship Committee. Financial need is not required or considered.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Applicants must reside in or attend high school in Marion or Polk County, Oregon.
- Applicants must document a strong personal commitment to music.
- Applicants must be willing to interview and perform musically for the Selection Committee.
- Recipients of financial support should be willing to perform (perhaps in concert) with the Pops.
- Applicants for the Educational Scholarships must be a high school senior and document acceptance into an accredited college or university and demonstrate commitment to music oriented educational goals.
- Applicants for the Music Camp Scholarship must be a high school student and must demonstrate commitment to continued musical activities.
- Family members of the Selection Committee are not eligible. Family members of the Pops are eligible.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

- Completed Application Form (5 copies)
- 300 word personal statement (5 copies, typed, double spaced) by the applicant entitled "Music in My Life"
- A letter of recommendation from the applicant's current music instructor and from an adult who is familiar with the applicant's involvement with music
- An (unofficial) copy of the applicant's academic transcript.
- **For the Educational Scholarship Only.** Documentation (letter of acceptance) that the individual has been accepted into an appropriate program at a college or university.
- Send completed application packet to: Salem Pops Orchestra Scholarship Committee Chair, PO Box 5794, Salem, OR 97304-0794. Application deadline: February 29, 2008 for Education Scholarship; April 24, 2008 for Music Camp Scholarship.

TO RECOMMENDING TEACHER: The named candidate for a Pops Scholarship has chosen you as a reference. Please place your confidential recommendation in a sealed envelope that is signed along the closure edge. Please address the following questions:

- How long and under what circumstances have you known the student?
- Please give us your evaluation of this student's ability, motivation, imagination, and dedication to music. To what extent has this candidate made use of his/her academic potential?
- Please give us your impressions of the student's integrity, aims, and values. How do peers and adults regard the student? Include any additional information that might assist the selection committee in its task.

SELECTION PROCESS: The Pops Scholarship Committee will base its selection on materials submitted by the applicant, interviews, recommendations, musical performance and other relevant material it deems appropriate. Their decision is final.

QUESTIONS: Contact [scholarship@ SalemPopsOrchestra.org](mailto:scholarship@SalemPopsOrchestra.org)