



## Summer Music Scholarships 2017

**Robert Hanson Award  
Robert Durnbaugh Award  
Carol Ann Thomas Award**

The **Robert Hanson Award** was established in 2001 as part of EYSO's 25th Anniversary commemoration. Robert Hanson was the first conductor of the Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra and a guiding force in its development throughout its first twenty-five years.

The **Robert Durnbaugh Award** was established in 2003 to honor the memory of Robert Durnbaugh, musician, arts administrator, and tireless supporter of music education in the Elgin area. Mr. Durnbaugh's contributions as a passionate member of the EYSO Board of Directors helped enlarge EYSO's public visibility, financial base, and philosophical mission.

The **Carol Ann Thomas Award** was established in 2008 to honor the memory of Carol Ann Thomas. Carol Ann began as a hard-working volunteer for EYSO, even though she didn't have a background in orchestras or classical music. She simply loved kids and truly believed in the EYSO mission. Her hours of dedication to EYSO, beyond her job as bookkeeper, were countless.

All three awards are intended to provide financial assistance which support major summer musical experiences for EYSO members. To honor their namesakes' longstanding dedication to EYSO, the awards will be presented to EYSO members who have demonstrated integrity, hard work, and superior musical ability, commitment to music, and contributions to the EYSO's programs.

Application is open to any current EYSO member who will be returning for the full 2017-18 season. Financial need may also be considered. Awards will be at least \$200, up to the full cost of a summer music program. Award winners will be announced at the May 7, 2017, concerts.

**Applicants will automatically be considered for any of the three awards.**

**Applications for the 2017 awards are due in the EYSO office no later than Friday, March 31, 2017 and should be emailed to [office@eyso.org](mailto:office@eyso.org) with the subject line: EYSO Summer Music Scholarship Application.**

# 2017 EYSO SUMMPER MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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**APPLICATION DUE IN THE EYSO OFFICE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2017**

## I. Personal Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Grade next fall \_\_\_\_ Number of years studying your instrument \_\_\_\_

Please list the years in which you have been enrolled in the EYSO program and the ensemble you have played in each year: \_\_\_\_\_

Current EYSO ensemble \_\_\_\_\_

Private Instructor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

School Music Director \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any summer programs or other special musical experiences you have had and/or awards received:

## II. Summer Music Experience Information

Name and location of summer program you'll attend \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Program \_\_\_\_\_

Cost of program \_\_\_\_\_

Have you already been officially accepted into the program? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for financial aid from the summer program itself? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

Will you be receiving any financial aid from the program itself? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_  
If yes, Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for other financial aid for this program? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

Will you be receiving any other financial aid (through school, Music Clubs, Rotary, etc.)? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

If yes, please list the source(s) of the assistance and amount(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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## III. Written Statement

Please enclose a brief essay (200-300 words) addressing any or all of these topics:

- Why the EYSO experience is important to me
- The role of music in my life
- My future and music
- Why I believe I deserve of the award

You may also wish to include written recommendations from private instructors, school music directors, church music directors, or others who could address your qualifications. (*Recommended, but not required.*)

## IV. Financial Need

If you wish the committee to consider financial need as a part of your application, please attach a brief letter summarizing the nature of the financial need, the number and ages of dependents, the family income and any other relevant financial circumstances. (All financial information will be kept strictly confidential by EYSO.)

We certify that all of the information in this application is true and correct. In accepting financial assistance from EYSO, we agree to continue participation in EYSO during the full 2017-18 season.

**After attending the summer program, each student winner is asked to write two or three paragraphs about their summer music experience: how it helped them as a musician, what was significant, and how they feel it might benefit their participation in EYSO next season. (These student statements are intended for funders and donors.) After this short essay is received in the EYSO office, reimbursement will be made to the student/family, not directly to the summer program.**

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_