



THE SANSOM FOUNDATION MUSIC AWARD

The Sansom Foundation has been in operation since 1958. The Foundation focuses on music and the arts. High school students from Collier County, Bonita Springs and Estero are eligible to complete for the Sansom Award. The Award will permit the winners to receive private music lessons for one year with a teacher selected by the Music Foundation of Greater Naples. The award may be renewed each year for up to two additional years based on the Sansom Committee's assessment of the student's progress and the recommendation of his or her private teacher.

This award is intended for high school students whose families cannot afford the cost of private music lessons. If a student has received private lessons in the past they may still be considered for the award provided they receive the "Free and Reduced Lunch Program" or their total family income is less than \$75,000 per year. To enter, students must complete the attached application and have it signed by a parent. They should obtain a recommendation for lessons from their school music teacher, as well as submit a personal essay about what "Music means to them and how they expect the Sansom Award will benefit them." **The application, recommendation letter, and essay are due by September 2, 2022.**

Students will also participate in an **audition held on September 10, 2022.** The audition solo should not exceed four minutes in length; No accompaniment is required. You can play/sing a short solo of your choice or a piece of music that you are presently working on in your school music ensemble.

The Sansom Committee will select applicants to be interviewed based upon their application, recommendation letter, essay, and their audition. We expect to award 4-6 students per year, depending upon the number of highly qualified applicants. Selection of private instructors will be determined by the Sansom Committee.

Winners of the Sansom Award will be notified no later than September 14, 2022. Lessons will begin in late September or early October. Parents, should your child be selected, you must ensure transportation to lessons and provide a quiet time for the student to practice daily.

There will be two recitals during the year and the students are expected to perform in both. **Recitals are scheduled for Sunday, January 8, 2023, and June 4, 2023 at 2:00PM.**

See next two pages for requirements checklist and application.

THE 2022 SANSOM AWARD APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS CHECK LIST



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1. Completed Sansom Application _____
2. Music Teacher's Letter of Recommendation _____
3. Student Personal Essay _____
4. Be prepared to perform a short selection, no more than four minutes in length.
5. Applicants must provide one original score and two evaluation copies of their music for the judges on competition day. The evaluation copies will be destroyed by the Music Foundation. No copies will be made at the audition site.
6. Applicants must be properly attired for the audition. Girls should wear knee length or longer dresses/skirts or dress pants. Boys should wear shirt, tie and dress pants and shoes. No jeans, athletic wear, or sandals. School concert music uniform is also acceptable.
7. The completed application form, the music teacher's recommendation which also contains confirmation of participation in the "school free or reduced lunch program" or family income is below \$75,000.00, and the student's essay must be post-marked on or before **September 2, 2022**. Applicants will be disqualified if the application is incomplete or postmarked after the stated deadline.
8. There will be no registration fee for this award competition.
9. The Sansom Auditions will be **held Saturday, September 10, 2022 at St. Monica's Episcopal Church, 7070 Immokalee Rd., Naples, FL 34119 from 10:00am-1:00pm**.
All selected applicants will be notified by email of their specific audition time, no later than **Monday, September 5, 2022**. Please call 239-450-4035 if you do not receive the notification. The winners will be notified by email no later than **Wednesday, September 14**. The decision of the judges is final. Private lessons for the winners will start in September or October 2022.

Mail or email to:

Lauren Pardee, Sansom Committee Chairman
Music Foundation of Greater Naples
123 13th St. NW
Naples, FL 34120
850-293-8537

or send all forms via attachments to pardel@collierschools.com by September 2, 2022.

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Must be Post-marked or emailed to the chairman on or before **September 2, 2022.**



NAME _____ GRADE _____

PARENT'S NAME _____

PHONE _____

PARENT'S ADDRESS _____

PARENT'S EMAIL _____

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INSTRUMENT _____

MUSIC TEACHER'S NAME _____ EMAIL _____

SCHOOL _____

HAVE YOU EVER STUDIED MUSIC WITH A PRIVATE TEACHER? _____

IF YES—Please describe _____

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR THE SCHOOL FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM? Yes ___ No ___

or

IS YOUR FAMILY INCOME BELOW \$75,000.00? Yes ___ No ___

SELECTION TO BE PERFORMED AT THE AUDITION

COMPOSITION _____

COMPOSER _____

1. This Award requires a letter of recommendation from your school music teacher explaining the student's need, aptitude, and motivation.
2. On a separate sheet of paper, the student will write a short essay about "Why is having music in my life important, and how will this award be beneficial to me". **These two documents must accompany this application.**

I have read all application material in the packet. I agree to abide by the rules and understand the purpose of the scholarship award.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

MUSIC TEACHER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

I approve of the use of this student's name, school, teacher, award amount and photo. ___ YES ___ NO. Parents must initial.

MAIL OR EMAIL APPLICATION, RECOMMENDATION LETTER AND ESSAY TO:

Lauren Pardee, Committee Chairman

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123 13th St. NW, Naples, FL 34120

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