



P.O. Box 859, Newton, New Jersey 07860

NSSNJ@ptd.net  www.NewSussexSymphony.org

October 1, 2025

Dear String Instructor, Parents and Students,

The New Sussex Symphony is seeking eligible candidates for its annual \$500 Legacy Fund Scholarship. Payable to the **private** string instructor for continuing lessons, the scholarship will be awarded to a string student who is enrolled in seventh through twelfth grades in Sussex County. Students who live outside of Sussex County are eligible if they study with, or are related to, a New Sussex Symphony member.

We are looking for a dedicated student with a great love and passion for music, not necessarily one that performs at the highest level. There will be no performance audition. The student will submit his/her own application form, included with this letter. Also enclosed is a private teacher recommendation form that is to be filled out and sent separately from the student's form.

The deadline for application forms is November 3, 2025. A committee of the New Sussex Symphony will review the applications (40% of score), essays (40% of score) and recommendations (20% of score) and make a formal announcement of the winner at the first concert of our season – Saturday, November 22nd, 3:00 PM at the First United Methodist Church in Newton.

If there are any questions or if you would like the forms sent to you electronically, call the number below or e-mail us at: nssnj@ptd.net.

Sincerely,

Melinda McCoy-Miller

Melinda McCoy-Miller, Treasurer
New Sussex Symphony
(973) 579-6465



P.O. Box 859, Newton, New Jersey 07860

NSSNJ@ptd.net  www.NewSussexSymphony.org

The Legacy Fund

In the fall of 2000, a memorial scholarship fund was established in honor of the late Peter Massardo, Sr., a founding member of the New Sussex Symphony. As an accomplished violinist and a dedicated teacher, Peter inspired many members of the musical community. This scholarship acknowledges his love of music by financially assisting a young string student's further study.

When another of our members, Pierre Fallot, a good friend and student of Peter's, passed away, the New Sussex Symphony continued the scholarship on an annual basis. The fund which finances the scholarships was named the Legacy Fund, honoring the symphony's founding and long-time members: Charles E. Irmiter*, Peter Massardo*, Pierre Fallot*, Gus Costa*, Ruth Costa*, Harriet Harrison, Marian Mayberry* and Guy Parker*.

Legacy Fund donations may be sent to:

New Sussex Symphony
P.O. Box 859
Newton, NJ 07860

(* - deceased)

New Sussex Symphony Legacy Fund Scholarship Application

Page one of two

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Mailing Address _____

_____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____

Name of Parent(s) _____ e-mail _____

School _____ Grade _____ Age _____

Instrument _____ Number of years studied _____

Private instructor _____ Phone _____

Private instructor Email _____

Are you a resident of Sussex County? _____ Yes _____ No

Note: If you are not a resident of Sussex County, you are only eligible if you study with, or are related to, a New Sussex Symphony member.

Use the space below (and on the back of this sheet, if necessary), to list the musical groups and activities in which you have participated. (40% of score).

(Signature of Applicant)

(Signature of Parent)

Send application form with attached essay no later than November 3, 2025 to:

The New Sussex Symphony
PO Box 859
Newton, NJ 07860

Or fax to: 973-300-4109 **Or email to:** nssnj@ptd.net

Page two

3) What is the importance of music in your life? (Not to exceed 200 words).

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

Private instructor name _____

Mailing Address _____ Zip code _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Name of recommended student _____

On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being Poor and 10 being Exceptional, please rate your student according to the following criteria:

Dedication/attendance: ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ ⑨ ⑩

Preparation: ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ ⑨ ⑩

Coachability: ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ ⑨ ⑩

Initiative: ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ ⑨ ⑩

Skills relative to age/
level of experience: ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ ⑨ ⑩

Additional comments (optional):

The application deadline is November 3, 2025

Signature of Private Instructor

Mail To: **New Sussex Symphony** **or**
 PO Box 859
 Newton, NJ 07860

Fax to: 973-300-4109
or
Email to: nssnj@ptd.net