

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION AND RULES of
CHOCTAW BAY MUSIC CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS
DEADLINE: Application & YouTube video link must be RECEIVED by March 17, 2026 by 5pm**

Description of 3 Award Types

1. College Scholarships (Applicant will be considered for both a and b below).

- a. Fred Semasko/Choctaw Bay Music Club Scholarship. \$5000 scholarship which may be divided among 5 applicants at the discretion of the board.
- b. Barbara Clinger/Elizabeth Madden Scholarship. A minimum of \$500 scholarship awarded

2. Summer Music Camp Scholarship: Up to \$300 presented for the purpose of attending a summer music camp.

3. Senior Awards: \$200 awards presented only to graduating high school students of Senior Club members.

****NOTE: College Scholarship recipients are expected to perform and Senior Awards recipients must perform in the scholarship awards ceremony on May 2, 2026 at 3pm at Northwest Florida State College, Tyler Hall in Niceville, FL.**

Audition Submission Rules for Summer Camp and College Scholarships:

Student must submit an audition video recording (uploaded to YouTube) and email video link to: choctawbaymusic@gmail.com

1. Rules for Video submission:

- A. Applicant should wear dress clothing (dress, dress pants and shirt, tie, etc..)
- B. Please consider the background of your video. It should not distract from your audition.
- C. Solos that are written with an accompaniment, **the accompaniment instrument must be performed live** such as (piano, organ, etc....) Pre-recorded accompaniments (sound tracks) not accepted.

2. The audition recording will consist of pieces from different periods (Baroque, Classical, Romantic or Contemporary). Note: 3 pieces for College Scholarships and 2 pieces for the Summer Music Camp Scholarship.

3. Review your recording to ensure the performer is clearly heard above accompanist.

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RULES FOR ALL TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

1. Must submit both: a written/typed application form (see website to download form) **AND** the audition video recording.
2. All scholarship and senior awards recipients are expected to perform at the Scholarship Awards Ceremony on May 2, 2026 at 3pm at NWFSC Tyler Recital Hall, Niceville FL
3. Applicant must have studied with their present teacher for at least 6 months by April 1st of the current year.
4. All applicants must be a United States citizen.
5. Awarded Scholarships must be used within the period of one year from the date awarded. In the event of non-usage of the money during this period, the money (or monies) will be returned to the club treasury.
6. Choctaw Bay Music Club will disburse the funds directly to the recipient.

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