

Application Instructions

Thank you for applying to the Nacha Mendez Music Scholarship for New Mexican Girls of Color. Please complete this form and submit the additional application materials listed below.

ELIGIBILITY

The Nacha Mendez Music Scholarship is open to girls who:

- σ reside in Northern New Mexico (Bernalillo, Santa Fe, Sandoval, Los Alamos, Taos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, and the Eight Northern Pueblos),
- σ are between the ages of 8 and 15 years old at the time of applying {inclusive of those ages),
- σ identify as a person of color,
- σ play any instrument, sing and/or compose original music,
- σ make music of any genre,
- σ whose families demonstrate a financial need.

CRITERIA

The Scholarship Committee is looking to identify young musicians who demonstrate musical skill, commitment, confidence, and passion.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- (1) Google Form
- (2) Applicant Statement
- (3) Music Samples
- (4) Letter of Recommendation
- (5) Statement of Financial Need

Application Deadline: Monday, January 31, 2022, midnight

Award Notification: Early March 2022

If you have any questions about the application process or the scholarship, please contact Nacha Mendez at nachamendezscholarship21@gmail.com.

Thank you for applying and best wishes!

Sincerely,

Nacha Mendez and the Scholarship Committee

* Required

1. Email *

Applicant Information

2. Full Name *

3. How old are you? *

- 8 years old
- 9 years old
- 10 years old
- 11 years old
- 12 years old
- 13 years old
- 14 years old
- 15 years old

4. Birthday *

5. What is your ethnicity? *

6. Phone Number *

7. What school do you attend? *

8. Where do you live? *

9. What county do you live in? *

- Bernalillo
- Los Alamos
- Mora
- Rio Arriba
- Sandoval
- San Miguel
- Santa Fe
- Taos

**Applicant
Statement**

Please respond to the following questions either in this form or in a 3-6 minute video. If you provide a video statement, please send it by email to: nachamendezscholarship21@gmail.com.

10. Applicant Statement provided . . . *

In writing, below

In video, sent by email

11. Please describe your musical experiences within your community and/or educational setting and how these experiences have shaped you as a musician.

12. Why do you wish to audition for this scholarship? What are your musical goals?

13. If you receive a scholarship, how would you use the scholarship funds? Some examples would be for: music lessons, purchase or rental of musical instrument or music software, travel to/from lessons.

Music Samples

Music Samples are optional for applicants ages 8 to 11 and are required for applicants ages 12 to 15.

Please submit a video recording of yourself performing so that the scholarship committee may assess your abilities. Choose two music selections that show your versatility, your best performance, and your highest skill level. Play what you like best and what you do the best. Each music selection should be a maximum of 2 minutes in duration for a total duration of 4 minutes maximum. A video of a performance given during the past year (with no enhancement by auto-tune or other means) is ideal. This video can feature the applicant as a soloist or as part of a group presenting a concert performance or in an informal at-home setting, classroom setting, or other setting of the applicant's choice.

Please send your Music Samples as a link to an online video or send the video as an attachment by email to: nachamendezscholarship21@gmail.com.

Letter of Recommendation

Please provide a Letter of Recommendation from a music mentor who knows your musical talents, such as a school music teacher, choir director, private music teacher, band or orchestra director. This person, who has worked with and knows your ability, should write 2-4 paragraphs (250-500 words) about why you are a good candidate for this scholarship. The recommender should include their professional position, role in your life, and any details which may help the music committee assess your dedication and passion for a career in music.

Please send the Letter of Recommendation by email to: nachamendezscholarship21@gmail.com.

Parent or Guardian Statement of Financial Need

Please provide a Statement of Financial Need from a parent or guardian explaining why supporting the child's music interests presents a financial hardship to the family.

Please send the Statement of Financial Need by email to: nachamendezscholarship21@gmail.com.

Application Summary Checklist

14. I have submitted all of my application materials:

- Applicant Statement
- Music Samples
- Letter of Recommendation
- Statement of Financial Need

Thank
You!

Thank you for applying for the Nacha Mendez Music Scholarship. We will notify you of scholarship decisions in early March. Many thanks!

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