



Furman Music

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Dear Phi Beta Mu Buddies:

I hope that all of you are off to a successful beginning of the Spring Semester.

I have been asked to organize and implement the auditions for our annual Phi Beta Mu Instrumental Scholarship Award. The audition will be held live during the All State Band Weekend on Friday, March 15th beginning at 8:30 am in the Green Room, Daniel Music Building, Furman University.

Here is the pertinent information regarding PBM Scholarship auditions.

When? Nominations for this scholarship will be due by Monday, March 11, 2024.

How much? A first-place Tom O'Neal scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded, along with a second-place scholarship of \$500.

What to play? A solo without accompaniment of three to six minutes in length. Music selected must be of Grade IV or above. Percussionists are expected to perform on Keyboard Percussion (Marimba, Xylophone, etc.) and Timpani.

Cost to enter? None

Who may enter? Graduating HS Student planning on continuing playing music in College. Student should exhibit unusual interest in music as a career. Members must sponsor entrants (maximum of three students per member). Please only sponsor deserving students.

How to enter? Please send me (via email) the following information on your student by Monday, March 11th, 2024. Please have the following information available: name of performer; telephone #; instrument; high school; sponsoring PBM member; PBM member's email address, phone number, and school. Also, a PDF copy of the music must also be submitted with this form.

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Judges? Specialists in Woodwinds, Brass and Percussion.



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PHI BETA MU SCHOLARSHIPS

SPECIFIC INFORMATION:

1. The Phi Beta Mu Scholarship has been established to recognize high school music accomplishment of the highest level and to encourage outstanding instrumentalists to study music.
2. PBM members are encouraged to send only those students who exemplify the highest standards of musical performance and who have unusual interest in music as a career choice.
3. Each PBM member may send no more than three students to the auditions.
4. To receive the scholarship, the student must enter a college music program the fall after the scholarship is won.
5. Winning student's Band Director will validate student's college enrollment and will authorize PBM treasurer to award scholarship.
6. To audition, student must be a graduating High School Senior and a student in good standing of a PBM member.
7. Students should be counseled as to the serious nature of these auditions.
8. Pieces chosen for performance should include lyrical as well as technical sections and should be of high quality. Music should be of at least Grade 4 level. If student performs with accompanist, it should be well rehearsed.
9. Percussionists will be expected to perform on either Xylophone or Marimba and Timpani. They may indicate a primary instrument. It is felt that percussionists intending to study music should be familiar with both instruments.
10. Student must send a PDF copy of solo part for judges on the PBM Scholarship Nomination Form.
11. Two judges will hear auditions. Specialists in Brass, Percussion, and Woodwinds will be sought for judges.
12. A tie may occur. Duplicate scholarships may be awarded.
13. Winner(s) will be recognized, when possible, at student's Spring Band Concert or Band Banquet.

Best wishes,

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