



**Christine Sides Fisher Arts and Music Education Scholarship at Eastern Carolina Community Foundation**

**Application must be submitted by March 31.**

*The Christine Sides Fisher Arts and Music Education Scholarship has been established by Christine and Tim Fisher in support of students who are seeking higher education in the field of performing arts and music education. This scholarship is meant to enrich the life of a student pursuing their dream to earn an education degree to become a band, orchestra, chorus, dance, or theatre teacher. In addition, the goal of this scholarship is to further enrich the arts community in the Pee Dee Region of South Carolina and beyond.*

**Purpose:** To provide up to a \$10,000 4-year scholarship, awarded as a \$2,500 multi-year\* scholarship to a Florence One Schools (Florence, SC) student or alumni pursuing an education degree in the field of performing arts education at a South Carolina institution.

**Qualifications:**

1. Be a graduating senior or graduate of a Florence One Schools high school.
2. Be accepted or enrolled in a performing arts education major at a South Carolina accredited institution of higher education with plans to become a band, orchestra, chorus, dance, or theatre teacher.

\*Must meet qualifications annually: Students will receive a \$2,500 award in their 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> years of enrollment as long as proof of passing grades and enrollment in the performing arts department of the South Carolina educational institution are submitted to Eastern Carolina Community Foundation by July 1 of each subsequent year.

**Application process:**

1. The applicant must return a complete application by mail to Eastern Carolina Community Foundation, PO Box 1615, Florence, SC 29503 or by email to [info@easterncarolinacf.org](mailto:info@easterncarolinacf.org) by **March 31** with:
  - A personal statement as described on page 2.
  - An evaluation or judge's statement from an audition submitted for acceptance to an institution of higher education.
  - Your most recent official transcript of grades.
  - You *may* be asked to submit a digital audition of 7 minutes or less in your area of performance.
  - Proof of acceptance to or attendance at an accredited institution of higher education in the performing arts or music department.
  - Two letters of reference from adults who are not family members, preferably from an arts or music educator (forms are included.)
2. **Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.** Decisions made by the committee are final.
3. The scholarship is for tuition expenses and will be paid directly to the institution the student plans to attend, not to an individual.



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**Personal Statement of:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Name

State which teaching profession (band, orchestra, chorus, dance, or theatre) you plan to pursue and why you want to become a performing arts teacher. Also include why you are seeking this scholarship and how it will benefit your pursuit of higher education and your achievement of goals. Include a list of any volunteering in your performing arts field (ex. Little Theatre, church choir, community orchestra, or dance groups.)

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Applicant Signature

Date



**Scholarship Applicant Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

FAFSA Score: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT or ACT score (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of institution of higher education you plan to and have been accepted to attend:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**References**

List two references below and provide a completed reference form for each of the persons listed with your completed application by the defined deadline. Do not list names for references of any persons who are related to you in any manner.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Certification**

I authorize investigation of all statements contained in this application. I understand that misrepresentation of any information may prevent me from consideration in receiving this scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Applicant**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date of Application**



**Scholarship Letter of Reference Form**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am applying for the \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship at Eastern Carolina Community Foundation. I authorize you to provide the Foundation with requested information about me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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1. How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is your relationship to the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Please describe the characteristics that you have observed in the applicant that would help him/her be successful as he/she pursues higher education.

4. Additional comments:

Reference name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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