

# **BETTY & NORMAN HALL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP**

**PRESENTED BY: MIDLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

## **About**

Betty Hall was a music lover from the time as a young girl she had the combined opportunity of a family piano and a mother who could teach her to play it. She developed her ability to the point that she was able to provide accompaniment on the piano for church and other musical functions. She also took part singing in choirs and choruses throughout most of her life. Betty taught beginning piano in Midland as her children were growing up and beyond. Although she grew up in a family of very limited means, she, along with her husband, Norman, ensured that their children had the opportunity for lessons helpful in promoting their talents. Even in late life she remained a music lover and, as a former schoolteacher, continued to have an interest in young children. In 1973 Betty and Norman Hall were honored with the Musician of the Year Award. Upon her passing, Betty Hall's daughters have established the Betty & Norman Hall Music Scholarship in honor of their mother, father and their dedication to music education in the Midland community.

## **Scholarship Purpose**

The purpose of the Betty & Norman Hall Music Scholarship is to encourage a love and joy of classical music, both in individual music making and in future audiences, as well as to ensure an opportunity for musical study with a current or MSO-recommended instructor.

## **Guidelines and Selection Process**

This award is intended for instrumental (strings, winds, percussion or piano) talented Midland County 5th and 6th graders who display interest and enthusiasm in their instrument and commitment to practice. Financial need is an important consideration, possibly giving opportunity to a student who otherwise would not be able to afford it. The scholarship can be presented to two deserving students each year.

This award will be administered by the MSO on the basis of recommendations from classroom teachers and private or classroom music teachers. Winners will be chosen by a panel of judges. Scholarship funds are intended to provide at least half of the private teacher lesson fees for a 12-month period. Recipients must make arrangements for lessons with the private instructor within 90 days of receiving the award notification.

Letters must include mailing addresses, phone/fax numbers, and email addresses of the teachers and student nominee. Teacher may recommend more than one student.

For further information, contact Kimberly Dimond, Director of Symphony Programs, at [dimond@midlandcenter.org](mailto:dimond@midlandcenter.org).

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## Application Form

This form and all accompanying materials must be received by Monday, November 20.

### Student Information:

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

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade (Must currently be in 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>): \_\_\_\_\_

Classroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Private or Classroom Music Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

### Student may not be able to further music study without financial assistance:

yes  no

### To Be Completed By Classroom Teacher *(attach a separate sheet if needed):*

Describe why this student deserves the scholarship funds: \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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**To Be Completed By Music Teacher** *(attach a separate sheet if needed):*

Explain how this student displays interest and enthusiasm in their instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe why this student deserves the scholarship funds: \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Send your application package to:** Betty & Norman Hall Music Scholarship  
c/o Midland Symphony Orchestra  
1801 West Saint Andrews  
Midland, MI 48640

I have read, understand and agree to the application, guideline and timeline information.

Classroom Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Music Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017**