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MIDLAND - The Midland Symphony League is searching for talented area instrumental music students to be considered for receiving the Clara Highhill Memorial Scholarship, established to honor the memory of a longtime Symphony League volunteer. Eligible students must be in the 9th, 10th or 11th grade and either a resident of Midland County or studying with a Midland County teacher. The total prize money of \$1,200 is to be applied to further musical study.

In addition to an application form, students must submit recommendations from a school and/or private music teacher(s) and an audition recording. The selection process also includes review of both recorded and later, live audition performances.

Information and application forms are available from the Midland Symphony Orchestra office by calling 631-5930, ext. 1502, online at www.mcfta.org, or by email to Kimberly Dimond at dimond@mcfta.org. **The deadline for submission of all materials is March 11, 2011.** Final auditions will take place on April 10, 2011, at Midland Center for the Arts. The winner(s) will be notified by April 15, 2011, and will be formally announced at the April 16, 2011, MSO concert: *Dancing Dreams and Reveries*. The winner(s) will also be invited to perform at the annual luncheon meeting of the Midland Symphony League at a later date.

The Midland Symphony Orchestra (MSO) has provided mid-Michigan with continuous symphonic music since 1936. Along with concerts featuring renowned guest artists, the MSO also provides educational opportunities through its touring ensembles in the schools, Tunes for Tots, prelude lectures, scholarships, music appreciation programs and guest artist master classes and residencies.

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