



## 2025 Beach Cities Symphony Middle School Instrumentalist Scholarship Competition

Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to students playing an orchestral instrument. The Alfred Chavez Memorial scholarship is awarded to a string player and the Jo Wisniewski Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a non-string orchestral instrumentalist. The scholarship may be used to pay for such music expenses as music lessons, the purchase, rental, or maintenance of an instrument; or attending a music camp. The winners will be introduced and given their awards at the Beach Cities Symphony's opening concert in the Fall of 2025.

### BCSA Middle School Instrumentalist Scholarship Instructions

1. Only South Bay public, private, or home school students (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade at the time of application) are eligible.
2. Only orchestral instrument students will be eligible.
3. A recommendation letter from a music teacher (in an envelope sealed by the teacher) must be enclosed with your application. A second letter from a teacher or other adult (not a parent of the applicant) is optional and must be sealed in the same way.
4. Write an essay of between 200 and 300 words, to be typed on a separate page. The essay should include answers to the following: Why are you applying? What are your goals regarding music? What do you hope to accomplish with this scholarship?
5. The application must be postmarked or electronically received by July 20, 2025.
6. If you are selected as a finalist, you will be invited to an interview/audition in September at a location and time to be announced later. A piano will be available, and you provide your own accompanist.
7. You may submit an audio or video recording of one or two selections, each under 2 minutes, but it is not required. You can send a CD or thumb drive or similar type of media, OR you may submit a link to a video on social media (FB/IG or Youtube). Include your name, composer's name(s), and composition title(s).
8. If you are awarded this scholarship, you must appear for the presentation of the certificate at the Fall 2025 opening concert of the Beach Cities Symphony's 2025-26 season.
9. Mail the application and the accompanying items to Beach Cities Symphony, PO Box 3910, Torrance, CA 90510 or simply email all documents and links to [inquiry@beachcitysymphony.org](mailto:inquiry@beachcitysymphony.org)

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