



The Marian Anderson Music Guild
Music Scholarship Competition
Saturday, April 25, 2026 @ 9 am

Trinity Presbyterian Church
499 Rt. 70 East & Westgate Dr.
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

Application Includes

Part I

- ⇒ **Section #1: Applicant Information**
- ⇒ **Section #2: Teacher Information**
- ⇒ **Section #3: Performance Information**

Part II - Statement of Parental & Teacher Commitments

Marian Anderson Music Guild, Inc.
a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization

Who We Are

The Marian Anderson Music Guild, Inc. is the South Jersey Branch of the National Association of Negro Musicians, Inc. (NANM), a historic organization since 1919. NANM provides assistance, performance opportunities and black cultural awareness to serious music students. Its concern is with all aspects of music performance, teaching, arts management, jazz, gospel and the varied musical interests of its members.

The Marian Anderson Music Guild was organized in May 1970. On June 15, 1982, the organization received permission from Marian Anderson to use her name in support of its pursuits. At that time the South Jersey branch was renamed the "Marian Anderson Music Guild". Concerts, workshops and other events are given to promote African American composers and musicians, to preserve the African American Spiritual and to raise scholarships for aspiring young musicians.

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Scholarship Application - Part I

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

How did you hear about the competition? School ____ Church ____ Other ____ (explain) _____

Section #1: Applicant Information (please print legibly)

STUDENT NAME: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone #: () _____ Fax #: () _____ E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Age _____

Name of School: _____ City: _____ Zip Code _____

Check one: Elementary: ____ Middle: ____ High: ____ College/University: _____
Complete One: Grade: _____ Year (i.e. sophomore) _____
Length of Study: _____

Section #2: Teacher Information (please type or print legibly)

Current Music Teacher: _____

Teacher's Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone #: () _____ Fax #: () _____ E-mail: _____

Section #3: Performance Information (please type or print legibly)

CONTESTANTS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN ACCOMPANIST.

Area of Performance (check one) Voice: _____ Instrument (type): _____

Competition Selections ... Please indicate the African-American composer with an (*)

Classical:

Title	Composer / Arranger	Duration
_____	_____	_____

Spiritual: _____

Selection of Choice: _____

Parent / Guardian's Name: (print) _____

Parent / Guardian's Signature: _____

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ONLY A COMPLETE APPLICATION WITH SIGNED COMMITMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED

For Official Use Only: Accepted _____ Pending _____ Eliminate _____ Other _____ Comments: _____

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Scholarship Application - Part II

STUDENT NAME: _____

STATEMENT OF PARENTAL COMMITMENT

(elementary school, middle school & high school contestants)

I commit to supporting my child (child's name) _____, in receiving music lessons. I will be responsible for my child's regular attendance to the lessons for which this scholarship has been awarded.

I will promptly notify the Marian Anderson Music Guild, Inc. of any substitution in my child's teacher.

Parent / Guardian's Name (print) _____

Parent / Guardian's signature _____

Date signed: _____

STATEMENT OF TEACHER COMMITMENT

(elementary school, middle school & high school contestants)

I commit to teach (student's name) _____, in the area of music study (check one) Instrumental _____ Vocal _____ for which this scholarship has been awarded. I understand that it is the responsibility of the parent and student to arrange music lessons with me.

I will promptly notify the Marian Anderson Music Guild, Inc. in the event that I am not contacted for music lessons for this student.

Teacher's Name (print) _____

Teacher's signature _____

Date signed: _____

Please indicate the length of time you have taught music lessons to the above referenced student:
_____ years _____ months

Name of Studio (if applicable) _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip code ____

Business # (_____) _____ - _____

Home # (____) _____ - _____

E-mail: _____

** Applications without parent & teacher commitments will not be accepted*

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The Annual Music Scholarship Competition - 2026

The Marian Anderson Music Guild, Inc. awards annual scholarships to students living in the South Jersey area. Scholarships are awarded to help with the payment of private music lessons for elementary, middle and high school students and for assistance with college expenses for collegiate level scholarship winners.

High School:	Grades 9 - 12:	1st Place \$500	2nd Place \$ 300	3rd Place \$100
Middle School:	Grades 6 - 8:	1st Place \$300	2nd Place \$ 150	3rd Place \$ 75
Elementary:	Grades 3 - 5:	1st Place \$150	2nd Place \$ 75	3rd Place \$ 50
Collegiate:	First place:.....	\$1,500	2nd Place \$1,000	3rd Place \$500

Elementary, middle and high school scholarship winners will receive a \$25 honorarium.

Requirements

1. Students must attend the AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL WORKSHOP which will be held from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon on March 21, 2026. Location - Trinity Presbyterian Church, 499 Rt. 70 East & Westgate Dr., Cherry Hill, NJ 08034. Teachers are encouraged to attend to learn more about the African American Spiritual.
2. Applicants must perform three selections - a Classical piece, an African American Spiritual, and a selection from one of the following categories: Jazz, Gospel, or Contemporary. Applicant must use a live accompanist. CDs and other types of audio accompaniment devices are not permitted. (A Spiritual is a religious song originally cultivated by southern Black enslaved people. Examples are: "*Deep River*", "*Go Down Moses*", and "*Were You There?*")
3. One of the required selections must be by a published African-American composer: Instrumentalists can only perform arrangements written for instruments. Please check the public libraries and websites for music written for instruments.
4. All music must be memorized. Applicants should work with their music teacher to select music that is suitable for their level of performance.
5. Applicants must submit their information in a PDF file format to the email listed below no later than March 31, 2026. A non-refundable \$15.00 processing fee should be mailed to the P.O. box listed below.

Note: Applications e-mailed between April 1, 2026 and April 7, 2026 will be assessed a late processing fee of \$20. No application will be accepted after April 7, 2026.

A COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- PDF File #1: Your Application - Parts I & II
- PDF File #2: One copy of your music

**** The competition will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026 ****

Award Conditions

All honorariums and college awards will be mailed to the students. Elementary through high school awards will be mailed to the scholarship winner's music teacher. The Guild must be notified immediately of any changes in the designated music teacher. Graduating seniors are responsible for the continuation of their music lessons.

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