

## Merit Scholarship Audition Guidelines 2022-2023

### Audition Deadline and Information

- All auditions will occur in person on Sunday, April 10, 2022 in Thoresen Performance Center, Winnetka campus.
- Applicants must prepare two contrasting selections.
- The deadline for submitting the application is March 21, 2022.
- The applicant's private instructor must submit a brief student biography and a letter of recommendation. These items must be submitted to [Bisera Makarevic](#) by March 21, 2022.

### Collaborative Pianists

- The use of collaborative pianist is required for all instrumentalists (except pianists, unless playing concerti) and vocalists. (This does not apply to unaccompanied works.)
- Students must secure the pianist of their choice; the payment for the pianist will be at the student's expense.

### Eligibility

- Participants must be enrolled in private instruction at the Music Institute of Chicago.
- Participants must not be older than 19 years old on April 1, 2022.
- Merit Scholarship auditions are most appropriate for students at a high level of accomplishment.

### Divisions

- There are two divisions: A Junior Division for students ages 12 and under and a Senior Division for students ages 13-19.
- Please determine the appropriate division according to the student's age on April 1, 2022.

### Requirements for Merit Scholarship Recipients

- **MIC strongly encourages merit scholarship recipients to participate in an ensemble at MIC.** In support of this, full tuition for two semesters for one ensemble will be waived as part of the benefits of the merit scholarship.
- Recipients are expected to perform at donor events and other opportunities that showcase our students in the community.
- Recipients may be required to send thank you letters to donors who have made scholarship funding available.

### Adjudication

- Merit scholarships will be awarded solely based on the performance level exhibited at the audition.
- Auditions will be adjudicated by a panel of professional musicians.
- Awards will be based on the average of adjudicators' scores.

### Results

- Emails will be sent informing students of the results of the auditions no later than May 31, 2022.

### Awards

- Awards will range from \$500 to \$1500, in \$250 increments.
- The number of awards is finite and is based on the projected endowment payout.
- A limited number of discretionary scholarships may be awarded to students in the areas of winds, brass, voice, string bass, and percussion.