

GOLD COAST **JAZZ** SOCIETY

Jeanette M. Russell Scholarship Fund

Scholarship Application Form

For Class of 2018 Graduating High School Seniors

Application Deadline: March 2, 2018

All applications must be postmarked or received on or before 5 p.m. on March 2, 2018
by Gold Coast Jazz Society.

No applications will be accepted after the deadline date.

The Gold Coast Jazz Society does not accept applications by fax.

All applicants will receive written notification of their status. **Finalists will be required to perform in the Jeanette M. Russell Jazz Scholarship Competition on April 21, 2018 and will be notified of their performance time.** A live backline of piano, bass and drums will be provided for accompaniment purposes.

Send applications to:

Gold Coast Jazz Society
1350 East Sunrise Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304
(954) 524-0805

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Eligibility

- Application for full-time enrollment at a college or university for the study of jazz instrumental or jazz vocal performance.
- Economically disadvantaged: Based on family size and median local income.
(Note: It will be necessary for you to complete a **2018-2019** Free Application for Federal Student aid (FAFSA) and receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) containing your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) prior to filing this application. You can complete a FAFSA on line at www.fafsaed.gov.)
- Florida residency
- Grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 (based on 4 point scale) or above during previous academic year
- Recommendation from school music official

Competition Requirements

All finalists must perform a 5-6 minute audition, best illustrating your ability. A live backline of piano, bass and drums will be provided for the applicant.

Award Amount

An annual scholarship award for tuition that may be awarded an applicant will be determined by the Scholarship Committee based on competition results and monetary availability each year. One-half (1/2) of such award will be paid, each semester, directly to the college or university on behalf of the student. Summer tuition is not eligible for payment.

Notes:

- Students must submit a copy of the letter¹ indicating college admission to the school of their choice. This letter and the student's class schedule must be submitted to GCJS prior to any payments being made to a college or university for the fall semester on behalf of the student.
- The total financial assistance awarded a student from all sources including scholarships and grants (but excluding loans and work-study programs) cannot exceed the total cost of attendance for the award period less the Expected Family Contribution (EFC)¹. In the event a student's scholarship award causes this limit to be exceeded, the amount of the GCJS Jeanette M. Russell Scholarship awarded to the student will be adjusted to eliminate the over award.

In order for the second half of an award amount to be paid for the spring semester, the student must have maintained a GPA of 2.5 or above for the previous semester and continue full-time enrollment studying jazz instrumental or jazz vocal performance at a college or university. Also a copy of fall or previous grade transcript must be provided.

- An applicant or scholarship recipient may re-apply each year for a new scholarship.

¹ The "Expected Family Contribution" (EFC) is the number that's used to determine a student's eligibility for federal student financial aid. This number results from the financial information provided in a FAFSA application. A student's EFC is reported to the student on a Student Aid Report (SAR)

² An "acceptance letter" from a school states admission. You may also provide the type of amount of financial aid the school is willing to provide if you accept admission and register to take classes at that school.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Type or Print all information

DO NOT CUT AND PASTE OR TAPE INFORMATION

APPLICANT DATA

NAME: _____
Last First M.I.

ADDRESS: _____
Street City Zip

TELEPHONE: () _____ EMAIL: _____ APPLICANT'S AGE: _____

Instrument played _____ or vocal _____ How long have you been playing? _____

Accepted for Area All State? _____ Accepted for Conference All State? _____ Accepted for Honors Band/Chorus? _____

List performing groups in which you have participated _____ Dates _____

Other music awards received _____ Dates _____

PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN DATA

Please provide the name, address and phone number of the parent(s) or guardian you reside with.

NAME: _____
Last First Names

ADDRESS: _____
Street City Zip

TELEPHONE: () _____ RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT: _____
Area Code i.e., Mother & Father, One parent only, Aunt, Grandparent, etc.

EMAIL: _____

HIGH SCHOOL & POST SECONDARY DATA

Name of High School _____ Graduation Date: Month _____ Year _____

Name of Post-secondary school you plan to attend. If unknown, list schools in which applications for admission have been sent.

1st Choice _____ Location: _____ Accepted Applied
City State

2nd Choice _____ Location: _____ Accepted Applied
City State

4 yr. College or University 2 yr. Community College

Enrollment status: Full-time

Major or courses of study _____ Anticipated date of graduation _____
Month/Year

ACTIVITIES, AWARDS AND HONORS

List both *school and volunteer/community activities* in which you have participated in during the past four years (i.e., solo and ensemble, district and/or state competition, student government, sports, band, chorus, etc. and/or hospital volunteer, church work, babysitting, etc.). You may attach a separate listing.

Activity	Circle school year(s) involved	Special Awards/Honors
	9 th 10 th 11 th 12 th	
	9 th 10 th 11 th 12 th	
	9 th 10 th 11 th 12 th	
	9 th 10 th 11 th 12 th	
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TRANSCRIPT DATA

Applicant *must* include an official high school transcript, which *includes the last semester grades* and have the following section *completed and signed* by a school official.

TO BE COMPLETED BY A SCHOOL OFFICIAL (guidance counselor or BRACE advisor)

Applicant ranks _____ in a class of _____ .

Applicant's cumulative **Grade Point Average:** _____

I certify this data is from the **7-14th semester official transcript**.

School Official's Name – Please print	Title	()	Phone #
School Official's Signature			Date
Principal's Name – Please print		()	Phone #
Principal's Signature			Date

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

PLEASE COMPLETE THE REQUIRED INFORMATION BELOW

Estimate Yearly Cost of Attending School (These figures are provided by school)	\$
Tuition	
Room or Rent (including utilities)	
Board or Food	
Books and Supplies	
Transportation	
Other: (Please list)	
TOTAL COSTS	\$

PLEASE COMPLETE THE REQUIRED INFORMATION BELOW:

SCHOOL-RELATED SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, HONORS

List awarded scholarships, awards, honors, etc. **expected** for 2017 - 2018. Include year anticipated.

<u>Scholarship/Award/Honor</u>	<u>Year Received</u>
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CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

I hereby certify and swear that all of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked by an authorized official, I agree to give proof of the information that I have given on this form. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted. This application becomes the property of the Gold Coast Jazz Society. (If you currently reside with a parent, they are required to include their signature)

Applicant Signature	Date
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OR

Parent or Guardian's Signature	Date
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STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of 2018 by

_____.

(Printed name of parent or guardian)

Notary Public – State of Florida

Personally Known _____
 Produced Identification _____
 Type of Identification _____

Print Notary Name: _____
 My Commission Number is: _____
 My Commission Expires: _____

Disclaimer

Gold Coast Jazz Society (GCJS) and its officers, directors, agents, servants and employees are not liable or otherwise responsible for direct or consequential damages claimed, or alleged by any scholarship applicant or his or her heirs, assignees, agents, parents or guardians as a result of, or arising from the applicants participation in the competition or any associated function or performance; or, as a result of GCJS' administration, judging and granting of awards as part of this program. All decisions by the GCJS are final and are not subject to appeal, question or review of any type and said decision shall be based solely on the information submitted by the applicant and the subjective evaluation of the applicant's competitive performances.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Date

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

This application is complete and valid *only* when you have returned the following materials:

1. This **completed** application with parent/student and notary signatures. (Signatures are required on Pages 6 and Page 7.)
2. Your official high school transcript which *includes the 7-14TH semester grades.*
3. Your income information *and* your parent/legal guardian's income information as described in application. (Including copy of Page 1 and 2 of your parents' Form 1040 (if they do not file a Form 1040 or if their 2017 Form 1040 is unavailable, copies of their 2017 W-2's and 1099's).
4. A letter of recommendation by a school music official.
5. A copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR) which contains an Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED IF THERE ARE ANY BLANKS OR MISSING INFORMATION.

Your **completed** application *must be postmarked by or delivered to* the office of the **Gold Coast Jazz Society** by **5:00 p.m.** on **March 2, 2018.** Applications received after the deadline *will not be accepted.*

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If you have any questions, please contact the Gold Coast Jazz Society at 954-524-0805.

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RECOMMENDATION FORM

The student named below is applying for a music scholarship administered by the Gold Coast Jazz Society. Your recommendation is needed as part of the application process. **This form is to be filled out by a school music official.** Please complete this form and immediately return it to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the flap, so he or she may submit it as part of a total package. **The application deadline is March 2, 2018. This form may be duplicated for additional recommendations.**

To be completed by applicant:

Applicant's name: _____
Home Address: _____
School you plan to attend next fall: _____
Course of study you plan to pursue: _____

To be completed by reference:

Please rate the applicant in the following categories on a scale of 1 to 5. (5 the highest ranking/1 the lowest)

	5	4	3	2	1	Unknown
Character	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cooperation	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Initiative	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Intellectual Ability	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Responsibility	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Practice habits	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

On a separate sheet of paper, please write a brief appraisal of the applicant's qualification and motivation to pursue the course of study listed above. Please put student's first and last name on the top right hand corner of the paper. Use only one side of the sheet of paper. Do not write on the back of this form. Do not staple forms together. Thank you.

Name of Reference – Please print _____ Title _____ () _____ Daytime Phone # _____

Signature of Reference _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

RETURN TO APPLICANT IN A SEALED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR SIGNATURE ACROSS THE FLAP.