

The Sharon Holmes ASTA/NJ Scholarship

2008 Application Form

Sharon Holmes was a violinist, teacher and a tireless advocate for the value of string teaching in New Jersey. She was a longtime member of the New Jersey Chapter of the American String Teacher's Association, an organization that actively promotes string teaching and playing. Sharon Holmes taught in Chatham Public Schools, where she built up a successful string program. She also reached out to other New Jersey communities by performing in orchestras throughout the state. The Sharon Holmes ASTA/NJ Scholarship Fund has been set up in her memory to help young New Jersey string students pursue a career in string teaching. An award of \$2000 will be given annually to a New Jersey student in his/her senior year of high school planning a career in string education. The award will be presented in 2 installments. The first installment of \$1000 will be presented in June of 2008 and the second installment upon completion of the first year of study, providing the candidate maintains a B average or better. The successful candidate will also receive a year of ASTA membership.

Full name _____

Date of Birth _____ Sex (M or F) _____

Full Mailing Address: _____

Phone number(s) _____

Email Address _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Parent/Guardian's phone number _____

Parent/Guardian's email address _____

Primary Instrument _____

Years of study _____

Name of private teacher _____

Number of years of private study _____

Current private teacher's full mailing address _____

Current private teacher's phone number _____

Current private teacher's email address _____

Name of High School you attend _____

School Music Instructor _____

School Music Instructor's Phone _____

List colleges/universities applied to _____

Field of study (major) _____

What other instruments have you studied? _____

For how long, and with what teacher? _____

Have you ever taught/coached young students? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please give details _____

Do you play in a Youth Orchestra? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please list name of orchestra(s) and dates of membership _____

Do you play chamber music regularly? Yes _____ No _____

What chamber music have you performed in the past two years? _____

What solo repertoire have you studied in the past two years? _____

Have you performed any solos in the past two years? Yes _____ No _____

List where and when _____

Have you played for any master classes? Yes _____ No _____

List where and when _____

Please list the Junior and Senior Region and All-State Orchestras you have played in.

List any principal positions held _____

Have you participated in any summer music programs/ music camps? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, please list name(s) and year of membership _____

List any music awards received _____

1. **Compose an essay** discussing your interest in teaching. Include what music means to you, what impact it has had on your life and how you plan to share music with young string students in the future. For reference, you are encouraged to draw on your own musical experiences. (Min. 500 words)

2. **Enclose an audiocassette tape, CD or CD video** of your playing. *Please record 2 contrasting selections for consideration.* You may choose to include accompaniment if appropriate. Please label your tape or CD with your name and phone number. To have your tape or CD returned, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Send to: The Sharon Holmes ASTA/NJ Scholarship Fund
c/o Rona Landrigan
Chatham High School
255 Lafayette Ave
Chatham NJ 07928

Your application and tape or CD must be postmarked by April 11, 2008.

All applicants will be notified of the results during the week of May 26, 2008.

If you have any questions, please call Rona Landrigan at 973 635 9075 Ext. 333 or email rlandrigan@chatham-nj.org