

# The Sharon Holmes ASTA/NJ Scholarship

## 2010 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 2010 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.  
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\_\_\_\_\_

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

**Send to:** The Sharon Holmes ASTA/NJ Scholarship Fund  
c/o Rona Landrigan  
52 Undercliff Terrace South  
West Orange, NJ 07052

**Your application and CD must be postmarked by April 9, 2010**

All applicants will be notified of the results during the week of May 24, 2010.  
If you have any questions, please contact Rona Landrigan at [rlviolin28@gmail.com](mailto:rlviolin28@gmail.com)