

Dear Music Educator or Guidance Counselor:

The Harold S Schwartz Music Scholarship Program Committee sends their best wishes to you in this difficult year. Last spring, we had to cancel the Schwartz Scholarship Auditions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but were still able to award \$24,000 in scholarships to *sixteen* outstanding student musicians.

We are happy to announce that we will be conducting the Schwartz Program again in 2021 with a 1st Prize Scholarship award of up to \$10,000 to be used for the winner's 1st year of college music studies!

Students applying for the scholarships must be graduating seniors from Lake, Sumter, or Marion county with a minimum grade point average of 3.0. They must be planning to **major or minor in Music** at a college or university of their choice. **Instrumentalists and vocalists** are encouraged to participate.

We are asking your assistance in encouraging your most promising music students to apply! With your help, we can make sure that the most talented music students get the help they deserve as they follow their dreams.

Key 2021 Schwartz Program dates are:

- **Monday, March 1, 2021** – Applications Due – Applications will be available later this year on our website www.operaclubofthevillages.com
- **Saturday, April 3, 2021** – Audition Day in the Villages, FL (MANDATORY for APPLICANTS)
- **Evening of Thursday, April 22, 2021** – Scholarships Awarded in the Villages, FL (MANDATORY for WINNERS)

Please contact me if you have any questions or if we can be of assistance in any way. We look forward to seeing your vocal or instrumental students at the Harold S. Schwartz Scholarship Program Auditions on Saturday, April 3rd.

Sincerely,

Marty Taylor

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