2012–13 Audition Application Instructions

NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE

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The Music Audition Application is required for students who plan to pursue a music degree (B.M., B.M.E., B.A., B.S.) and/or apply for a music scholarship from the Department of Music. Students may apply for a music scholarship regardless of their major. Awards are based on merit and generally range from $500 to $4,000 per year with the potential for annual renewal; the highest amounts are usually awarded to music majors. The average award for music majors is $2,500/year; the average for non-music majors is $900/year.

Application Process for Music Majors and Music Scholarship Applicants

☐ Apply to Northwestern College by visiting nwc.edu and selecting "Apply Now" or by requesting an Application for Admission from the Office of Admissions.

☐ Complete a Music Audition Application and submit it to the Department of Music. The application will include:
- Music Audition Application
- Two Music Recommendation Forms, completed by teachers or directors who can accurately assess your musical talent and work ethic.
- A one-page personal essay detailing your musical goals and ambitions.
- Audition recording (see information below).

☐ Music majors are required to take the Online Theory Placement Exam. Non-majors may also choose to take the exam; please notify the Music Office of your interest.
- Instructions for accessing the online exam will be e-mailed to you.
- Detailed information about what is covered on the exam can be found at nwc.edu/music.

☐ Audition at one of the scheduled audition dates (see Music Audition Application).
- Students auditioning during the February 22–23 and March 23, 2013 Audition Days will receive priority consideration for music scholarship funding. After the March Audition Day, scholarship funds may or may not be available. All materials must be postmarked by January 22, 2013. Department of Music faculty will listen to each recording and invite selected students to perform a live audition on one of these Auditions Days.
- Students may audition in more than one area, for example, piano and voice. Please submit a **separate recording** for each audition and label it clearly with your name and instrument (or voice part).
- Please consult Audition Repertoire at nwc.edu/music for important audition details for each instrument/voice.

Students cannot be considered music majors until all music department requirements have been met.

Audition Recordings

All applicants must include a recording with their Music Audition Application. Please follow the instructions below and the Music Audition Repertoire guidelines (found at nwc.edu/music) when submitting a recording. Recordings serve as a preliminary audition and determine whether an applicant will be invited to campus for a live audition. Applicants who live more than 200 miles from Northwestern College and cannot make it to campus for a live audition may have their recording used in lieu of a live audition; however, the faculty reserves the right to require a live audition in August.

Please follow these instructions for submitting a recording; record on U.S.A. format only, with high quality audio:

1. Follow the Audition Repertoire guidelines available at nwc.edu/music.
2. **Instrumentalists:** the recording may be submitted on CD or DVD.
   Vocalists: the recording must be submitted on DVD.
3. Clearly write your name, instrument and repertoire recorded on the jacket liner for the CD/DVD.
4. Mail your recording along with your Music Audition Application and other materials to:

   Northwestern College Department of Music
   Attn: Judy Lennartson, F2219
   3003 Snelling Avenue North
   St. Paul, MN 55113-1598

Contact Us

To learn more or to obtain additional copies of the Music Audition Application and related forms, visit nwc.edu/music or contact the Department of Music at 651-631-5218, 888-878-5514 or music@nwc.edu.