

## Scholarship Application

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**Tonya Dorsey and New Vision A NJ Nonprofit Corporation**

**An IRS 501(c)(3) Foundation**

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Annual Tonya Dorsey and New Vision Scholarship. This five-hundred dollar (\$500.00) scholarship has been established to provide scholarships to children, grades 4 through 11, who are pursuing admission to or continuance in an accredited institute of performing arts, and who have demonstrated a desire to pursue formal training.

Scholarship applications are accepted annually between February 1<sup>st</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup>. The deadline to submit an application is March 31<sup>st</sup>; applications postmarked after March 31<sup>st</sup> are automatically ineligible and will be discarded. Completed applications can also be scanned and emailed to [TonyaDorseyAndNewVision@comcast.net](mailto:TonyaDorseyAndNewVision@comcast.net) between February 1<sup>st</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup>. The selection criteria are based on the completion of the application, essays and interview/audition. **Available funding determines the number of scholarships awarded annually.**

Finalists will be notified in April, and an interview/audition will be scheduled within two weeks of notification. Parent/Guardian must be present for the interview/audition, after which, a final decision will be made.

Awardees will be presented with a Certificate of Award at the Annual Tonya Dorsey and New Vision Scholarship Awards Ceremony and Concert in June. Finalists will receive a Certificate of Participation.



The completed application must be postmarked by March 31<sup>st</sup> and either mailed to:

**Tonya Dorsey and New Vision Scholarship Fund**

**P.O. Box 764**

**Turnersville, NJ 08021**

**OR Scanned and emailed to: [TonyaDorseyAndNewVision@comcast.net](mailto:TonyaDorseyAndNewVision@comcast.net)**



## Guidelines/Instructions for Completing Application

If you have any questions regarding the foundation, please visit our website at [www.TDNVscholarships.org](http://www.TDNVscholarships.org) or email questions to [TonyaDorseyAndNewVision@comcast.net](mailto:TonyaDorseyAndNewVision@comcast.net)

**Part 1** (Personal Information): Please complete all information as requested.

**Part 2** (Essays): The candidate must write an essay using the following as a guide: **Tell us about yourself, including what instrument(s) you play, hobbies, community services, etc. How did you hear about the Tonya Dorsey and New Vision Scholarship and why do you believe you would be a good recipient?**

The essays must be typed and meet the following word count minimum: Grades 4 to 6, 300 words; and Grades 7 to 11, 500 words.

**Part 3** (Parent Statement): Answer the following question: **Why do you believe your child should be chosen to receive this scholarship, and how will you assist your child in reaching their goals in the performing arts?** Please note that there is no word-count minimum or maximum regarding the parent statement.

**Part 4** (Disclosure and Signatures): Applicant and Parent/Guardian must Sign and Date the application.

**Part 5** (Recommendation Form): Write your name at the top of the "Recommendation Form", sign the form, and give it to the person you want to write a recommendation for you. Tell the person who is recommending you to complete the form and return it to you. **At least one completed "Recommendation Form" must be submitted with your application.** If you know of more than one person willing to recommend you, feel free to make copies of the form.



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## **Part 1** (Personal Information)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Current School and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently taking music/dance lessons? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what is the name and address of your music school? \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 2 (Essay)** Write an essay using the following as a guide: Tell us about yourself, including what instrument(s) you play, hobbies, your community service involvement, etc. How did you hear about the Tonya Dorsey and New Vision Scholarship and why do you believe you would be a good recipient? Essay must be submitted with your completed application.

**Part 3 (Parent Statement)** Answer the following question: Why do you believe your child should be chosen to receive this scholarship, and how will you assist your child in reaching their goals in the performing arts? Submit with your child's completed application.



**Part 4** (Disclosure and Signatures):

The Tonya Dorsey and New Vision, Inc. is a non-profit organization devoted to honoring God by helping youth obtain formal training in the Performing Arts. Finalist names and pictures may be used for promotional purposes. Recipients will be required to attend and possibly participate in the Tonya Dorsey and New Vision Scholarship Awards Ceremony and Concert held annually in June. Your signatures confirm your acceptance.

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Applicant Name (Printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY – DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE**

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Application Complete \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Application Incomplete \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Part 5**

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**Recommendation Form**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommender's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ May we contact you with additional questions? **Y or N**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Parent/Guardian may sign for elementary students)*

To the person completing this form; you have been asked to write a recommendation for a student applying for a scholarship in the performing arts. All applicants are required to submit at least one (1) recommendation. The student chosen will receive a scholarship that will assist in the cost of their artistic pursuits. We would appreciate your writing as fully as you can, concerning the candidate's academic background, activities, strengths, and weaknesses.

How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please tell us, as fully as you can, about the candidate's academic successes, musical activities, strengths and weaknesses. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

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Please rate the Applicant in the following categories as **Exceptional, Good, Fair, or Unable to Judge**

Leadership Skills \_\_\_\_\_ Initiative \_\_\_\_\_

Musical Talent \_\_\_\_\_ Overall Performance \_\_\_\_\_

**Return the completed form to the applicant so that they may submit it with their scholarship application**