



VALDOSTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA/Musician Enrichment Grant (MEG)

OBJECTIVES:

To assist students in the pursuit of excellence, to continue their study and training through the development of performance and/or other creative projects.

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE:

Up to \$1,000 award given to selected student/s based on grant submission. Committee may or may not elect to give out multiple awards of a lesser amount if multiple applicants are selected-not to exceed \$1,000.

USES AND USE RESTRICTIONS:

MEG grants allow individual students to apply for support to aid their creative endeavors over the course of the year. Primarily, it is the intent of this grant to cover some expenses associated with auditions, performance at significant summer music festivals or other special projects current students have that can enhance their craft and musicianship.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicant Eligibility: (A) Must be performing artist(s) and a performing member of the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra for the current academic year-2011-2012; (B) must be a current VSU student; (C) the festival(s) or projects must take place during the academic year of application or before the end of the next academic semester (fall 2012).

ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS:

Funding source: The MEG is supported solely by the generosity of the Symphony Guild and there will be no additional funds for this award. It is the hope and desire of the VSO administration and Symphony Guild that the MEG can grow in funding available and to assist multiple students in future years.

APPLICATION AND AWARD PROCESS:

Application Procedure: Artist(s) wishing to apply should complete the application attached to this document and submit it to Dr. Farwell via email as a word document by 5:30 pm, April 2, 2012.

Award Procedure:

A subcommittee from the Symphony Guild will meet with Drs. Hsu and Farwell to select a final group of finalists. Once that is complete, Drs. Hsu and Farwell will arrange a meeting with finalist and Guild committee to select a winner/s. The winner/s will be announced immediately after that meeting which will take place within three weeks of application deadline. All award money will be available immediately upon final selection.

Appeals: None.

Renewals: None, but any student meeting eligibility requirements can apply multiple times, including students that may have won in previous years.

Reports: Final reports are required from all grantees of the MEG award within 30 days after artists return from funded project. Final reports will include a complete breakdown of how money was used for project.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Obligations: MEG (\$1,000)

PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

MEG expects to award grants each year and the winning awardees will be posted on the VSO website. Winning awards will be posted for viewing for future years.

INFORMATION CONTACTS:

Dr. Farwell: 333-5807, dfarwell@valdosta.edu or Office: 1170A, FAB

CRITERIA FOR SELECTING PROPOSALS:

Application will be judged by the panel according to the following criteria: (A) artistic benefit; (B) significance of the applicant's presence at the festival as it relates to the artists' creative and/or professional development; (C) significance of the festival or project; (D) evidence of reasonable financial support from other sources.

Electronic submissions only in MS Word

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Applicant: complete all information below. Only completed applications will be accepted.

1. _____, _____, _____
Name instrument 870#
2. _____, _____, _____
Current year in school, senior, junior, etc. Major SS#:
3. _____, _____, _____, _____
Home address city, state, zip
4. _____, _____
VSU email phone

Use space below or continue on separate page

Title or name of project:

Timeframe to complete project-how long with this project take to complete:

How will this grant impact your artistic development?

What is the significance of this project, festival, or creative work to your professional development?

What other support are you providing or receiving from other sources of income?

Print name

Signature

MEG Final Report: due 30 days after completion of project.

Please email final report in word document to Dr. Farwell, Executive Director of VSO

1. Did your project meet your expectations?

2. What new performance practices or literature did you learn during your project?

3. How did this impact your professional development?

4. Would you recommend any changes to the grant application process?

Print Name

Signature

Date