



THE SANSOM FOUNDATION MUSIC AWARD

RULES AND REGULATIONS 2025-26

The Sansom Foundation has been in operation since 1958. The Foundation focuses on music and the arts. High school students from Collier County, Bonita Springs and Estero will be eligible to compete for the Sansom Award worth \$3000.00 (yearly). The Award will permit the winners to receive private music lessons for one year with a teacher selected by the Music Foundation of Greater Naples. The award may be renewed one year at a time based on the Sansom Committee's assessment of the student's progress and the recommendation of his or her private teacher.

The award is intended for high school students whose families cannot afford private music lessons. However, private lessons in the past will not eliminate the candidate as long as they can attest that they are on the "Free and Reduced Lunch Program" and their family income is less than \$75,000 per year. A copy of the parent's recent tax return will be required. Students must complete the application, and have it signed by a parent and music instructor. If completing online (which is preferable), no signatures are required. Student applicants will also be required to submit a music teacher's recommendation, the student's most recent quarter grade reports and complete a "Questionnaire Prompt" at the end of this application (p.4). Finally, students will be required to participate in an audition that is scheduled for October 11, 2025. The audition solo should not exceed 4 minutes. No accompaniment is required. You can play/sing a short solo of your choice or a piece of music that you are presently working on in your school music ensemble.

Our expectations are that up to five awards or more per year will be allotted. If a student is allotted the award, they are also responsible for participating in two recitals per year. The recitals are scheduled for February 8 and June 7, 2026.

- The application and music teacher recommendation letter are due to the Sansom Chairman by October 4, 2025.
- **Audition Day** is **Saturday, October 11, 2025** at Gulf Coast HS. Times TBA. Bring grades, Questionnaire Prompt, and Parents Tax Returns to the audition.
- Winners of the Sansom Award will be notified by email no later than **October 14, 2025.**

THE 2025-26 SANSOM AWARD APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST



(This page does not have to be submitted with application)

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1. Completed Sansom Application _____
2. Music Teacher's Letter of Recommendation _____
3. Student Questionnaire Prompt (bring to audition) _____
4. Be prepared to perform a short selection, no more than four minutes in length.
No accompanist required.
5. Applicants must provide one original score and two evaluation copies of their music for the judges on competition day. The evaluation copies will be destroyed by the Music Foundation. No copies will be made at the audition site.
6. Applicants must dress appropriately for the audition. Girls should wear knee length or longer dresses/skirts or dress pants and blouse. Boys should wear a dress shirt, tie (optional) dress pants and shoes. No jeans, athletic wear, or sandals. School concert music uniform is also acceptable.
7. The completed application form and the music teacher's recommendation letter are due **October 4, 2025**. Applicants will be disqualified if the application is incomplete or postmarked after the stated deadline.
8. There will be no registration fee for this award competition.
9. The Sansom Auditions will be **held Saturday, October 11, 2025, at Gulf Coast High School, Naples, FL 34119. Times TBA.**
All selected applicants will be notified by email of their specific audition time, no later than **Monday, October 6, 2025**. Please call 239-450-4035 if you do not receive the notification. The winners will be notified by email no later than **October 14, 2025**.
The decision of the judges is final. Private lessons for the winners will start in September or October/November 2025.

Mail, email or submit on-line this application and music teacher's recommendation letter to:

Cathy Pflieger, Sansom Committee Chairman

Music Foundation of Greater Naples

3722 Pino Vista Way, Unit 2

Estero, FL 33928

239-450-4035

fleafam88@gmail.com or submit on-line at www.MusicFoundationNaples.org by
October 4, 2025.

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NAME _____ GRADE _____
STUDENT EMAIL _____ STUDENT CELL PHONE _____
PARENT'S NAME _____ PHONE _____
PARENT'S ADDRESS _____
PARENT'S EMAIL _____

INSTRUMENT _____

MUSIC TEACHER'S NAME _____ EMAIL _____
SCHOOL _____

HAVE YOU EVER STUDIED MUSIC WITH A PRIVATE TEACHER? _____

IF YES—Please describe _____

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR THE SCHOOL FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM? Yes _____ No _____ and
IS YOUR FAMILY INCOME BELOW \$75,000.00? Yes _____ No _____ (Copy of recent tax return is required at audition)

SELECTION TO BE PERFORMED AT THE AUDITION

COMPOSITION _____

COMPOSER _____

1. This Award requires a "letter of recommendation" from your school music teacher explaining the student's need, aptitude, and motivation.
2. Student will complete the "Questionnaire Prompt" provided at the end of this application. Please bring the completed "Questionnaire Prompt" to the audition on October 11, 2025.
3. Student Grade Report (most recent)-bring to the audition.

I have read all the application material. I agree to abide by the rules and understand the purpose of the music award.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

MUSIC TEACHER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____
(Music Teacher signature required if not completing on-line)

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____
(Parent signature required if not completing on-line)

MAIL, EMAIL, OR SUBMIT ONLINE THIS APPLICATION and MUSIC TEACHER RECOMMENDATION LETTER TO:

Cathy Pflieger, Committee Chairman

Music Foundation of Greater Naples

3722 Pino Vista Way Unit 2, Estero, FL 33928

239-450-4035 or fleafam88@gmail.com or submit on-line at www.MusicFoundationNaples.org (click on lessons)
by October 4, 2025.

Sansom Questionnaire Prompts

Student Name _____

School _____

Grade _____

Primary Instrument _____

How many years have you been playing your instrument? _____

Instructions:

The Sansom Program would like to get to know more about your musical background, experiences, and goals. As part of the application process, please respond to the following prompts with a few sentences each. Be thoughtful and honest in your answers; there are no “right” or “wrong” responses. Your responses can be handwritten or typed. Please bring this Questionnaire to the audition on October 11, 2025.

1. What inspired you to begin your musical journey, and how did you choose your primary instrument.
2. Share one of your most meaningful musical memories or experiences. What made it special?
3. If awarded this scholarship for private lessons, how do you think it would impact your growth as a musician?