

FRIENDS ASSOCIATION OF THE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Symphony Ambassador Scholarship Application
2025-2026

DEADLINE – All scholarship applications must be submitted electronically. Please save your application with the following file name: SymphonyAmbassadorScholarshipApplication LAST NAME (your last name). Applications must be submitted no later than May 4, 2026, to bvssambassadors@gmail.com. All applications will be confirmed upon receipt.

PURPOSE: Each FASO scholarship is awarded to a senior Symphony Ambassador who demonstrates strong volunteerism and leadership in the Symphony Ambassador program.

CRITERIA: The criteria for the Symphony Ambassador Scholarships is the same and is grounded in the goals of the Symphony Ambassador Program, with each scholarship having its own unique essay question.

All applicants must be a Senior Ambassador in good standing with the program.

The following criteria will be considered in awarding scholarships:

- I. Participation in the Symphony Ambassador Program – Applicants must have participated in the program either their junior and senior years, or sophomore, junior and senior years. Applicants will be evaluated based on the participation in support of events and activities associated with the Symphony Ambassador Program and the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra to include, but not limited to:
 - a. USHERING: Ushering at least 8 concerts over two years (12 concerts for those with three years' service)
 - b. BVSO FUNDRAISERS and COMMUNITY SERVICE: Work a minimum of 2 fundraising events or community service events chosen from Puttin' on the Ritz, Derby Day, Woman's Club President's Day Tea, KBTX Food for Families Food Drive, Ballet Brazos Nutcracker (one of three performances), BV Youth Concerto Competition or BV Symphony Orchestra Children's Concert.
- II. Extra-Curricular Leadership and Involvement – Applicants will be evaluated on extra-curricular leadership and involvement in school, civic and community events.
- III. Written Essay – Applicants will be evaluated based on response to a written essay.

JUDGING – Applicants will be judged by an anonymous panel of Symphony and civic volunteers. This panel will be made up of at least two but no more than four participants. Scholarship criteria will be evaluated using the following percentage system:

Ambassador Participation:	60%
Extracurricular Experience:	20%
Written Essay:	20%
TOTAL:	100%

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD – The scholarship award will be mailed to the college/university that the student plans to attend, with instructions to credit this amount to the student’s fiscal account.

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Written Essay

Essays are limited to a maximum of 2 pages, double-spaced, 12-point font. Essays should be between 400-600 words.

Answer the essay for the scholarship for which you are applying. You may write more than one essay, which allows you to apply to both scholarships. Please write the scholarship for which the essay pertains at the top of your page. Submit one application and attach the essay(s). An AI generated essay will not be accepted and may void your application.

Founder's Scholarship Essay:

Please tell us what you have learned and what skills you have gained personally through your involvement as a Symphony Ambassador. How have these broadened your perspective? How will you utilize these experiences and skills as you move into the next phase of your life?

FASO Volunteer Scholarship Essay:

Please explain what you have learned about volunteerism through the Symphony Ambassadors. What skills have you personally gained through your volunteering with the Symphony Ambassadors? How will you utilize these experiences and skills you have gained as you move into the next phase of your life?