

STUDENT MUSICIAN SPOTLIGHT

Recognizing New Mexico's Talented Youth



The New Mexico Music Commission is seeking nominations for its Student Musician Spotlight series.

about the student musician spotlight

The New Mexico Music Commission's Student Musician Spotlight series was established in 2017 to honor the remarkable achievements of our state's talented and dedicated student musicians. Selected students will be featured in the Showcase section of the Music Commission's web site and on our Facebook page. Students will also receive a certificate of recognition from the State.

eligibility

Eligible students must be 18 years of age or younger and demonstrate the following qualities: outstanding character; positive attitude; exceptional respect for their family, peers, mentors, teachers, and elders; and extraordinary dedication to the study and performance of their musical instrument(s)/voice. This recognition is open to student instrumentalists, singers, composers, arrangers, and singer-songwriters. All musical styles and genres are accepted. Character and integrity are equally important as talent, playing ability, and dedication to music.

An individual shall be ruled *ineligible* to be featured in the Music Commission's Student Musician Spotlight series if they are related to a New Mexico Music Commissioner or an employee of New Mexico Arts.

nomination process

Nominations are accepted year-round on an ongoing basis. A new student will be featured approximately once a month, primarily during the traditional academic school year (August to May) and dependent on the number of eligible nominations received. The same student can only be featured once per academic school year. Students may not nominate themselves.

To nominate a student musician, fill out a *nomination form* and provide *all required documentation* as specified in the *guidelines* section of the nomination form. The nominator's statement must be formatted for 8½ x 11 sized paper with portrait orientation. *Incomplete nominations will not be considered.* Upon acceptance, the parent/guardian will be contacted by email (the nominator will be cc'd) and asked to provide a head shot, bio, and short performance video of the student performing. The parent/guardian will also be required to sign a release form granting permission to publicly display these materials. We cannot feature a student without these material and we request that each nominator assist us in obtaining them.

timeline

Ongoing	Nominations sought year-round
Ongoing	Nominations reviewed by New Mexico Music Commission administration
August-May	No more than one student will be spotlighted per month during the school year Selected students will be featured on NMMC Web site and Facebook page

See the attached nomination form for further details. Thank you for supporting New Mexico's talented students!

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student & parent | guardian info

Student Name _____

School Attending _____

Age _____ Grade _____ Years Playing/Singing _____

Instrument/Voice _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Parent Email _____

Parent Phone _____

submit nomination to

Use one of the following delivery options:

- **email** Thomas.Goodrich@state.nm.us (.pdf files only)
- **fax** 505-827-6043
- **snail mail or in person**

New Mexico Music Commission Student Spotlight
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for more information

www.newmexicomusic.org

go to the showcase menu, select student musician spotlight

guidelines

The following materials are **required** for each nomination - incomplete nominations will not be considered:

1. This completed **nomination form**.
2. A **nominator's statement** (approximately 250 words) that includes:
 - your relationship to the student; and
 - why the student merits receiving this recognition.
3. **Parent | guardian agreement** to publicly display their child's image and biographical information, *see below*.

If accepted, the parent/guardian will be contacted by email to sign a *release form* and to provide electronic copies of their child's *head shot*, *bio* and a short *video* of the student performing. All materials remain on file with the Music Commission and will not be returned.

nominator info

Name _____

Organization, if any _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Primary phone _____

parent | guardian agreement

As parent | guardian of this student, I agree to sign a *release form* granting the Music Commission, New Mexico Arts, the Department of Cultural Affairs permission to publicly display my child's head shot, bio, and performance video. I will provide these materials promptly upon my child's acceptance.

Print Name _____

Signature _____