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 was established in 2017 to honor the remarkable achievements of our state’s talented and dedicated student musicians. Featured students will receive a certificate signed by Governor Lujan-Grisham and Department of Cultural Affairs Secretary Garcia y Griego and will be awarded gift certificates from our generous sponsors. Selected students will also be inducted into the showcase section of our website and featured on our Facebook page.

**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 (September 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. *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 materials 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
- September-May: No more than one student will be spotlighted per month during the school year

**sponsors**

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

student & parent | guardian info
Student Name ________________________________________
School Attending _____________________________________
Age _____ Grade _____ Years Playing/Singing ______
Instrument/Voice ____________________________________
Address ____________________________________________
City, State, Zip ______________________________________
Parent Email  ________________________________________
Parent Phone _______________________________________

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 _________________________________________

for more information
www.newmexicomusic.org
go to the showcase menu, select student musician spotlight