



Greater Community Foundation

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Theodora Sanders Music Scholarship Application

Presented by Greater Community Foundation

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Scholarship Amount: \$500

Application Deadline: February 18, 2026

Purpose

The Theodora Sanders Music Scholarship honors the legacy of Mother Theodora Sanders, who faithfully served as Minister of Music at Greater Twelfth Baptist Church for over 56 years. A self-taught pianist, devoted leader, and woman of faith, she embodied dedication, perseverance, and love for music and ministry. This scholarship seeks to continue her legacy by supporting African American students pursuing studies or careers in any field of music — performance, education, production, composition, or ministry.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicant must:

- Be an African American student pursuing or planning to pursue music in any form (vocal, instrumental, production, ministry, etc.).
- Be a high school senior or currently enrolled college student.
- Demonstrate involvement in music and community activities.
- Exhibit good character, leadership, and a spirit of service.

Required Materials

Please submit the following:

- Completed application form
- A short essay (300–500 words) answering the prompt below
- One letter of recommendation (from a teacher, pastor, mentor, or community leader)
- Proof of enrollment or acceptance at an accredited institution (if applicable)

Essay Prompt

In 300–500 words, please respond to the following:

“How has music shaped your life, and how do you hope to use your musical gifts to make a difference in your community?”

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Applicant Information

Full Name

Date of Birth

Home Address

Phone Number

Email Address

Name of High
School or College

Current Grade Level
or Year

Current GPA

Intended Major

Music Involvement

List your musical activities (choirs, bands, lessons, performances, etc.):

Community & Church Involvement

List your volunteer, church, or community service activities:

Letter of Recommendation

Name of Recommender

Relationship to Applicant

Phone

Email:

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Certification

I certify that all information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that incomplete applications will not be considered.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submission Instructions

Submit your completed application, essay, letter of recommendation and supporting materials by **Wednesday, February 18, 2026**, to:

Greater Community Foundation

Attn: Scholarship Committee
1775 Eddystone Ave
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Or email: jstanley@greater12th.org (Subject: *Theodora Sanders Music Scholarship*)

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