

**GMBS MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP  
COMPETITION - JUNE 12, 2025  
HELD DURING THE 2025  
GLENN MILLER FESTIVAL, CLARINDA IA**



**2025 WE WILL CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF THE GLENN  
MILLER BIRTHPLACE SOCIETY WITH SOME VERY  
SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE GMBS FESTIVAL!**



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**The GLENN MILLER BIRTHPLACE SOCIETY** - WHO WE ARE! Our mission, values and commitment to the Glenn Miller Estate, Glenn Miller Collections, Glenn Miller Birthplace Museum, the legacy of Glenn Miller and our commitment to the GMBS Music Scholarship Program.

**The Glenn Miller Birthplace Museum**—is administered by the Glenn Miller Birthplace Society. The Society, a private 501(c)3 non-profit organization, was formed in 1977 to oversee the planning and preparation of the Glenn Miller Festival. Through the decades the Society's role has expanded to include overseeing the daily operations, coordinating the GMBS Music Scholarship Competition, planning, programming, and preservation of the Glenn Miller Birthplace Museum (which includes the birthplace of Glenn Miller as well as a modern exhibit and visitor center). The Glenn Miller Birthplace Society receives no federal or state funding. The Society does offer a membership program. The revenues raised from membership donations are used to support the operations of the museum and the Glenn Miller Music Scholarship program.

**Our Mission** - The mission of the Glenn Miller Birthplace Society is to celebrate the music and memory of Alton Glenn Miller, America's favorite musical patriot.

**Our Vision** — The Glenn Miller Birthplace Society will be recognized as an authority on the life, music, and accomplishments of Alton Glenn Miller and his orchestra through its publications, museum, and programming. We will build a strong, stable financial future through quality exhibits and programming, and balanced support.

**Our Values** — The Glenn Miller Birthplace Society is committed to quality programming, exhibits, and customer service. The Society embraces these values:

- We preserve the memory of Glenn Miller and are committed to the authenticity of the artifacts of this history, the objects, documents, birth site and structure that are the physical evidence of Glenn Miller's life.
- We recognize the importance of partnership and collaboration to maximize resources and talents, and strive to create a "community" approach to museums, culture, and tourism.
- We are committed to accessibility to all of our programs and services and to the decisions we make and the actions we take to plan and carry out our activities.
- We believe in the power of diversity, in the supporters of the Society, in the programs offered, and in the perspectives we present.
- We strive to create a workplace that supports mutual respect, excellent communication and shared decision-making to create opportunities for learning and growth.

**The Music Scholarship Competition** —Since 1977, the Glenn Miller Birthplace Society has honored the music and memory of Glenn Miller by offering an annual scholarship competition open to high school seniors and college freshmen who intend to make music a part of their future. Students from across the country apply for the scholarship and vocal 10 semi-finalists, and 10 instrumental semi-finalists are chosen to compete at the Glenn Miller Festival. Three winners are selected from each category and perform at the Stage Show the next day during the festival. The Glenn Miller Society awards a total of \$12,000 in scholarships each year.

The following pages in this scholarship competition packet will explain and provide the information and documents music students need to know about and provide us with, so they can have the best experience possible in Clarinda in June of 2025!



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# 2025 GMBS Music Scholarship Competition

## important dates

**Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 5:00 PM** is the deadline for initial scholarship competition documents, (application form, statement of musical intent, competition checklist, and link to YouTube performances)

**Monday, May 23rd** top 10 vocal and 10 instrumental semi-finalist scholarship applicants will be notified if they are proceeding to the competition round of the scholarship event.

**Tuesday, May 27th at 4:00 PM** is the deadline for original copies of sheet music for competition pieces for the semi-finalists.

**Wednesday, June 4th at 4:00 PM** is the deadline for travel arrangement information for the semi-finalists.

**Wednesday, June 11 in the afternoon** practice sessions with accompanist to be set up for semi-finalists

**Wednesday, June 11 at 7:30 pm** Very important meeting at the Glenn Miller Museum

**Thursday, June 12, 8:15 am** instrumental competition at the Clarinda High School Auditorium *(Semi-finalists, parents and family will be given comp tickets to the Music Scholarship Competition and the State Show on Friday. If students and/or family are staying in Clarinda after the Friday Stage Show and are needing concert tickets, see Shari as there may be comp tickets to some events).*

**Thursday, June 12, 1:00 pm** vocal competition at the Clarinda High School auditorium

**Thursday, June 12 5:30 pm** Kick-off picnic to open the 2025 Glenn Miller festival at the commons area of the Clarinda High School (tickets available for purchase during the informational meeting)

**Thursday, June 12, 7:30 pm** Free concert by military band downtown at the Square

**Friday, June 13, 9:30 am** GMBS Stage Show and scholarship awards presentations featuring the GMBS Big Band and scholarship winners from both vocal and instrumental categories.

**Friday June 13th—Sunday June 15, 2025** GMBS festival in full swing. Schedules and ticket information will be available in early January, 2025. *(Depending on scholarship participants travel schedule please talk with Shari about tickets to events and concerts you would like to attend during your visit in Clarinda.)*

**Monday June 30th** - The top 3 winners in both categories (vocal & instrumental) will need to email a couple paragraph essay to [shari@glennmiller.org](mailto:shari@glennmiller.org) on your experiences in Clarinda, Iowa so you may be included in the post-festival newsletter with the other winners. You will receive a souvenir newsletter and will be featured on our website.



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# 2025 GMBS Music Scholarship Competition Guidelines

**Eligibility** - The competition is open to graduating high school seniors and first year college students who intend to make music a central part of their future.

**Application Requirements**— Applicants must complete the following requirements and have them uploaded to their dropbox by **5:00 PM on May 15, 2025**. A follow-up email to Shari once you have uploaded all the required documents will make sure we have received everything you have sent in.

1. **Application Form:** Enter in only ONE category (instrumental or vocal). Fill out application form completely and legibly, sign, have your parent sign, and return via the “DROPBOX” procedure we have outlined in this document. (Can be found on page 4 of the Scholarship Competition packet)
2. **Audition Pieces:** You will need to upload (2) music selections of your choice on YouTube of contest level material in contrasting styles. Any accompaniment must be limited to piano only.
3. **Statement of Musical Intent:** This is usually 3 to 4 paragraphs about how music will be a central part of your future and why you want to enter the GMBS Competition.
4. **Travel Information document**—make sure to provide a copy of your travel itinerary.

**Submitting Documents and Files to GMBS**— Students who are interested in competing in Clarinda, Iowa in June 2025, will reach out to Shari Greenwood, Executive Director of the GMBS (email is [shari@glennmiller.org](mailto:shari@glennmiller.org)) confirming their interest in the competition.

Shari will then assign applicants a dropbox for uploading the required documents and music selections. Students / parents are free to email Shari with any questions or concerns.

The scholarship competition starts off our yearly festival. GMBS receives approximately 100+ scholarship competition entries each year, so you will need to be sure to include all of the documents and scholarship requirements so you have a better chance of moving onto the semi-finalist stage.

**Accompaniment Fee**— The music scholarship competition requires participants to have a pianist accompany their performance. There is a \$75.00 fee for the practice session with our accompanist on Wednesday and a second \$75.00 fee for your competition performance on Thursday.

**GMBS Website**— Our website [www.glennmiller.org](http://www.glennmiller.org) will contain the music scholarship competition information and packet under our ‘scholarship’ tab. You will also find previous year’s video’s of some of the competitors and hear about their experiences in Clarinda. Another fun feature of the website is to look back at previous year’s festivals and watch the videos from various bands who have visited Clarinda.

## **2025 - 50th Anniversary of the Glenn Miller Birthplace Society**

The 2025 Glenn Miller festival promises to bring some very special talent, with an international flair, and many events celebrating 50 years!

Please read and follow the specific instructions and timeline for this scholarship competition. This will save time and help to make sure all semi-finalists have a great time while in Clarinda.



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# 2025 GMBS Music Scholarship Competition

Glenn Miller Birthplace Society

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## APPLICATION FORM

**DEADLINE: 5:00 PM on May 15, 2025**

• Rehearsal **June 11, 2025** • Competition **June 12, 2025** • Awards/Stage Show **June 13, 2025**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Age on June 12, 2025 \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Competing as  Instrumentalist What Instrument do you play? \_\_\_\_\_

Vocalist What is your voice type: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of songs included with your application and statement of intent:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If chosen as a semi-finalist, I will travel to Clarinda, Iowa at my own expense on June 11, 2025 for practice with accompanist, and for the competition on June 12, 2025 and be available for the Awards/Stage Show on June 13, 2025.

**(PLEASE DO NOT APPLY IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO TRAVEL TO CLARINDA FOR THE COMPETITION AND STAGE SHOW)**

Signature of Scholarship Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent / Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE FOR ALL FORMS: 5:00 PM on May 15, 2025**

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**SEMI-FINALIST TRAVEL INFORMATION**

**It will be necessary for all semi-finalists to share their travel information with Shari to help us better coordinate the weekend's activities.**  
**The travel form is included in this package**

**TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS** - We recognize the investment students will make by participating in the scholarship competition. Therefore, if the student is traveling without a parent/guardian we have set-up the below arrangements.

**Semi-finalists traveling to Clarinda with or without a parent**

1. Semi-finalists (the top 10 in each category) should fly into the Kansas City, MO airport and arrive by noon or shortly after on Wednesday, June 11, 2025. Semi-finalists and their parents can be picked up from the airport and driven to Clarinda, Iowa by one of our music scholarship team members, if parents of semi-finalists prefer to rent a car and drive to KC, the above schedule will work best for the rehearsal and Wednesday evening 7:30 meeting.
2. "Homestay" GMBS has a 'homestay' arrangement for the semi-finalists and/or parents, wherein some of our Clarinda residents will be responsible to provide room in their homes and transportation to the rehearsal and competition as well as around Clarinda.
3. If you would prefer to stay in one of our hotels verses our "Homestay" arrangement, Clarinda has 3 hotels available for students and their parents. We have a special rate for the competition semi-finalists and their parents. The hotels are Cobblestone at 712-850-1471 or Super 8 at 712-542-0013 or Celebrity Inn at 712-542-5178.
3. After the competition awards on June 13th, the scholarship participants will be transported back to the Kansas City airport for their return flight home. If students prefer to stay another day or two in Clarinda, please note this on the "transportation" form and we will make arrangements.

Something to consider when making your travel plans; the Glenn Miller festival runs from June 12–15, 2025 and during this weekend, the love and support of our members and community of Clarinda really embrace the Music Scholarship Competition and the students and families who visit and participate in the competition.

Clarinda is a very small town and we hear, every year, heartwarming stories of how a participant from a large city, somewhere like New York, is treated from the moment they arrive in Clarinda. They are exposed to everything small town Iowa has to offer and they arrive in Clarinda unknown to everyone and by the time they leave, they have made friends they will cherish forever. Clarinda residents still sit around the coffee shops and 'brag' on the scholarship competitors that came to town and 'wowed' us with their talents. Participants have a unique opportunity to meet some of the entertainers and bands at the festival, sit and have a sandwich with other scholarship competitors, and watch some of the best big band groups they will ever see. Our house band, the GMBS Big Band each year offers some of the competitors to play with the group on the Friday morning Stage Show (depending on their openings), and this is such a treat for both the students and those of us that attend the Stage Show. If you plan to stay longer and would like to see a concert or two, reach out to Shari for tickets.

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**SEMI-FINALIST TRAVEL INFORMATION FORM**

Semi-finalist name : \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Student traveling alone      OR       Traveling with a parent

**TRAVEL TO CLARINDA, IOWA**

Departing Airport \_\_\_\_\_ Departing Date \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Departure \_\_\_\_\_ Departing Flight Number & Carrier \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival time at Kansas City Airport \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Flight Number & Carrier \_\_\_\_\_

**TRAVEL BACK HOME FROM CLARINDA, IOWA**

Kansas City Departing Airport \_\_\_\_\_ Departing Date \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Departure \_\_\_\_\_ Departing Flight Number \_\_\_\_\_

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS**

I am traveling alone and/or with my parent and would like an 'overnight' stay arranged. We will be staying overnight in Clarinda on these dates: \_\_\_\_\_

I am traveling with a parent(s) and we would prefer to make a hotel reservation at one of Clarinda's hotels. We plan to stay at \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PROVIDE COPY OF AIRLINE ITENIRARY FOR OUR RECORDS**

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