2016 Dr. Robert L. Bernard Memorial Prize for Promise for a Musician Studying a Healing Science

2016 scholarship competition for youth musicians at the Greater Bridgeport Youth Orchestras

The CHELISAM Foundation opens its competition for the Dr. Robert L. Bernard Prize for Promise for a Musician Studying a Healing Science. Eligible students are 2016 high school graduates who have played for two or more seasons with the ensembles of the Greater Bridgeport Youth Orchestras and are bound for college with a plan to declare a major in a healing science. (Evidence of acceptance and enrollment in an accredited program are required.) The amount of the scholarship is $1118. Applicants must be planning to begin college full-time in the fall 2016 and provide proof thereof.

Dr. Robert L. Bernard was a beloved podiatrist specializing in surgery and the care of diabetic patients. He died in 1997 at the age of 36 after a courageous battle with colon cancer. A patron of the performing arts and devoted professional in life, Dr. Bernard continued in illness and now in memory to offer hope for healing and recovery. Dr. Bernard’s widow, Lisa, their daughters Chelsea (cellist) and Samantha (violinist), and a close associate of the family, Mr. John C. Haugh, established in 1998 The CHELISAM Foundation—a charitable trust devoted to people and projects where “science and sensibilities meet.” Since its inception, The CHELISAM Foundation has made more than a dozen scholarships and numerous grants. Award recipients are currently enrolled in or have now graduated from programs in ophthalmology, pharmacy, medicine, speech pathology, and biology at Harvard, SUNY Albany, Cornell, Johns Hopkins, Tufts and other universities across the United States.

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Deadline for receipt of all application materials is May 6, 2016. Prize recipient is TBA at Spring Concert on May 15, 2016.