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Dear Students, Teachers, and Friends of Musical Merit:

This past June, The Musical Merit Foundation of Greater San Diego awarded a total of \$48,000 to eight gifted young musicians. In addition, one of the winners of 2009 will attend the Aspen Institute of Music in the summer of 2010 for the full nine-week summer session with all room, board and tuition expenses paid. Again this year, we are pleased to announce that a monetary award of equal value will be presented to the highest ranking participant in each of at least three divisions: instrumental, voice, and keyboard. As in the past, additional awards will be based on the collective ranking of the finals judges.

If you are an aspiring performer, please consider entering our 2010 preliminary auditions, to be held during the late afternoon of Wednesday, June 2, 2010, at Smith Recital Hall, San Diego State University. The deadline for the receipt of **Preliminary** applications is May 2, 2010. Final auditions for those who pass the Preliminaries, or who have already passed the Preliminary auditions in previous years, will be held on Saturday, June 5, 2010, also on the campus of San Diego State. The awards concert, which takes place on Sunday, June 6th, will be held at 5:00 at the First Presbyterian Church in downtown San Diego. Deadline for the receipt of **Final** applications is May 5, 2010.

There are two important items we would like to bring to your attention. Please note that we have a one-year residency requirement for participants in our Preliminary auditions. We will waive this requirement for any student who has been enrolled full-time (12 semester units or equivalent) in a San Diego County, Imperial County, or Baja California college or university since the beginning of the current academic year, beginning with the past September. In order to take advantage of this one-year residency exemption, proof of full-time enrollment in both semesters must be submitted with your application.

The second item concerns music scores, provided for the judges at the time of your audition. They must be printed scores and not photocopies. If something you are performing is no longer being published, you need to provide a letter from the former publisher stating to this fact. Copyright laws no longer permit us to allow the use of photocopies except as extra copies one may wish to provide.

We hope you have a good year and look forward to hearing from you or your students!

Sincerely,

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