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Nominations for the 2010 Elgin Symphony Orchestra Jean Hove Young Musician Scholarship accepted through April 1, 2010

Elgin, IL – Nominations for the Elgin Symphony Orchestra's 2010 **Jean Hove Young Musician Scholarship** are being accepted now through April 1st, 2010. A partnership between Elgin Community College, Judson University, and the Elgin Symphony Orchestra, this scholarship is designed to assist students who have been historically under-represented in the field of classical music.

Intended for students who display outstanding musical and leadership potential, nominees must meet the following qualifications for scholarship consideration: currently enrolled in grades 6 through 9 within ECC's district boundaries; have completed two years of musical training in their school band or orchestra; have had no more than one year of private music instruction; and play cello, clarinet, flute, French horn, oboe, trumpet, viola, or violin. Students with financial need will be given additional consideration.

Music instructors can nominate qualifying students for the award by submitting a **Jean Hove Young Musician Scholarship** application, available at Elgin Community College or the Elgin Symphony Orchestra Administrative Offices. Teachers may nominate more than one student by using a new form for each candidate. After completing the confidential nomination form, remit to: Jean Hove Young Musician Scholarship, Attn: VPA Room 268M, Elgin Community College, Visual & Performing Arts Center, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin, IL 60123-7193, or fax to 847-608-5469. All nominations must be received by April 1. For more information call Erin Horan, ESO Education and Community Engagement Manager at (847) 888-0404.

A scholarship committee will review the nominations and select up to seven finalists. Finalists will be invited to an audition and interviewed in May. Finalists must also bring a 100-word essay explaining why they deserve and/or need the scholarship. The scholarship recipient will be selected after the audition round.

Scholarship recipients will receive six semesters (two years) of free private instruction at Elgin Community College or Judson University. In addition, the student will receive three season subscriptions to the Elgin Symphony Orchestra Classics Series, as well as free instrument rental during the scholarship period. Upon successful completion of the scholarship program, the student will be awarded ownership of their musical instrument. This two year scholarship is valued at \$4152 per recipient.

The Jean Hove Young Musician Scholarship was established in cooperation with Elgin Community College in 1999, and in 2007 Judson University joined the program to offer a second scholarship with instruction by one of their music faculty. Jean Hove was a public school music

teacher who helped found the Elgin Symphony Orchestra (ESO) in the 1950s. As a violinist and concertmaster for many years, she worked tirelessly on behalf of the orchestra. Jean performed under the baton of all three ESO music directors, all the while continuing her commitment to music education in Elgin. The State of Illinois commended Jean Hove for a lifetime of service by adopting a special House Resolution in 2002. This scholarship was created to honor Jean's contributions to the development of area musicians.

Education Programs at the Elgin Symphony Orchestra

The Elgin Symphony Orchestra has been presenting educational opportunities for students of all ages since its formation in 1951. Over the past six decades the ESO has continued to adapt its programs for the needs of the surrounding schools and communities. The support received from corporate sponsors, teachers, students, parents and schools helps to continue to grow and expand the ESO's educational offerings.

During the 2009-2010 season, the Elgin Symphony Orchestra Education Programs will reach approximately 20,000 children, teachers, families, young musicians, and concert-goers through concerts, participatory music programs in schools, master classes and events at the Hemmens Theatre, Prairie Center for the Arts, and various locations in suburban Chicago.