2015 Dr. Robert L. Bernard Memorial Prize for Promise for a Musician Studying a Healing Science

a 2015 scholarship competition for youth musicians at the Greater Bridgeport Youth Orchestras

The CHELISAM Foundation announces a 2015 competition for the Dr. Robert L. Bernard Prize for Promise for a Musician Studying a Healing Science. Eligible students are 2015 high school graduates who have played for two or more seasons with the ensembles of the Greater Bridgeport Youth Orchestras and 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 2015 and provide proof thereof.

Dr. Robert L. Bernard was the father of GBYO alumnus Chelsea Bernard Steinberg and a beloved podiatrist practicing specializing in surgery and the care of diabetic patients. He died in 1997 at the age of 36 after a courageous battle with metastatic colon cancer. The cancer treatments Dr. Bernard endured to extend his time with his family and patients were pioneering and foster hope today for those battling the disease. 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 projects where “science and sensibilities meet”. Since its inception, The CHELISAM Foundation has made ten scholarships to outstanding graduates pursuing pioneering careers in a number of healing sciences. The award recipients are currently enrolled in or have now graduated from programs in ophthalmology, pharmacy, medicine, speech pathology, and biology at Harvard, Cornell, Tufts and other universities across the United States.

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Deadline for receipt of all application materials is May 4, 2015. Prize recipient will be announced at the Spring Concert on May 17, 2015.