



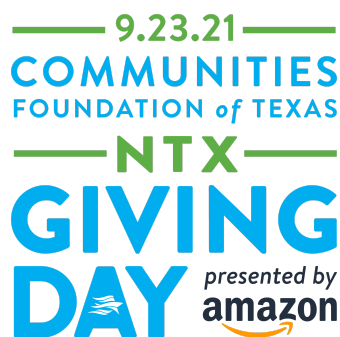
## American Harp Society in Dallas 2021-2022

Dear American Harp Society Members Past and Present,

WELCOME to another exciting year with the American Harp Society in Dallas 2021-2022 from the Executive Board!

The beginning of the new season is again upon us, and it's time to look forward to another year of programs, events, and time to get together. We are being cautiously optimistic that we will be able to be in-person for most of our events this year, although the downtown Dallas Public Library will still hold their Mu Phi Epsilon Concert Series virtually. **Our first meeting of the season is September 26, 3-5 p.m.** We are honored to have Lynne Aspnes, the President of the AHS national organization with us. She will give an interactive performance workshop on TMEA etudes and audition repertoire. Please see all details on the enclosed pages called *AHS in Dallas 2021-2022 Programs*. Registration for this workshop is highly encouraged. These pages will also give the full line-up of events for the year. Our Program Chair, Laura Brandenburg, and our Student Events Chair, Naoko Nakamura, have chosen a variety of fun, interesting, and educational events for the year.

A membership form is included in this mailing. Forms will be available at the first meeting on Sept 26, and are also available online at [www.harpsociety.org](http://www.harpsociety.org). To be sure to be included in the 2021-2022 membership roster, please pay your membership dues by October 1, if you haven't already.



On Thursday, September 23, 2021, the AHS in Dallas will participate in The Communities Foundation of Texas' 13th annual North Texas Giving Day, a one-day online giving extravaganza for you to give to the organization of your choice. Please join the movement on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, and help us enrich the North Texas harp community by giving to the American Harp Society in Dallas. Our organization promotes support for harpists in the North Texas area by hosting performances by local and world-class harpists, and by funding important student educational opportunities. Your participation is very much appreciated and **your donation will be increased by bonus funds.**

The Dallas Chapter of the American Harp Society is pleased to sponsor up to three student members for participation in the 2021 Chapter Ambassador Awards. Financial assistance of \$300 per Chapter Ambassador is available. Additional individual fundraising is encouraged, as selected ambassadors are eligible for up to \$500 in matching grants from the American Harp Society, Inc. That's \$1000 total toward the costs of attending and participating in the 2022 AHS

National Conference in Sioux Falls, SD!

*The goal of the Chapter Ambassador Awards program is to inspire student engagement with the AHS national event; to promote community; and to empower recipients to create engagement opportunities within local harp communities.*

Review Chapter Ambassador Guidelines and Online Application here:

<https://www.harpsociety.org/downloads/files/9E57PSCXFNETJZHSP5-2021-CA-Guidelines.pdf>

**How to apply:**

- 1. Submit the following information to Dallas Chapter Ambassador Coordinator Dr. Laura Brandenburg, [brandenburg.harpist@gmail.com](mailto:brandenburg.harpist@gmail.com): Student Name, Email, Phone, Grade/Age, Name of School, Private Teacher Name and Email.**
- 2. Following the prompts listed on the Online Application, prepare a 3-5 minute video essay.**
- 3. Submit your video essay for review by the Dallas Chapter Ambassador Committee. Google Drive is recommended.**
- 4. If chosen as a nominee from the Dallas Chapter, you will then submit your video and Online Application for review at the national level.**
- 5. Ambassadors will be notified after October 15, 2021.**

For the latest information about our chapter, and local harp-related events and performances, please visit our website at [www.dallasharpsociety.org](http://www.dallasharpsociety.org) or like us on **Facebook**. We are also a part of **Amazon Smile**. Any time you make a purchase on amazon.com, 0.5% of eligible purchases will go towards the American Harp Society in Dallas. Please visit our website for more information.

Thank you for your support and membership in the American Harp Society in Dallas. We also hope you will join the American Harp Society ([www.harpsociety.org](http://www.harpsociety.org)) at the national level as well. Remember you must join both organizations to be a member of both.

We look forward to seeing you at our events!

Sincerely,

The Executive Board of the American Harp Society in Dallas

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