



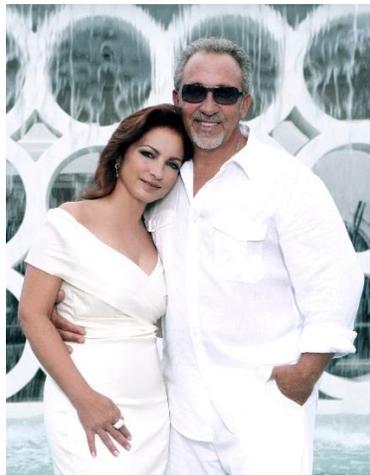
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**THE LATIN GRAMMY CULTURAL FOUNDATION® PRESENTS THE  
EMILIO AND GLORIA ESTEFAN SCHOLARSHIP**

*A Latin Music Student with Financial Hardship Will Receive a Four Year Scholarship, worth up to \$200,000 USD Towards a Bachelor's Degree at Berklee College of Music in Boston*

*Deadline To Apply is April 10, 2019*



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**MIAMI (Dec. 14, 2018)**— The Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation® announced today that it is accepting applications for the **Emilio and Gloria Estefan Scholarship** from music students admitted to Berklee College of Music who are interested in Latin music.

The four-year scholarship, which holds a maximum value of \$200,000 USD, was created five years ago in an effort to support music education and Latin music genres, and will be awarded to a student who is exceptionally gifted and needs financial assistance to complete a bachelor's degree in music.

**Emilio Estefan** is a multiple Latin GRAMMY® and GRAMMY® winning musician, songwriter and producer, and is the first artist to receive the coveted Latin Recording Academy Person of the Year™ recognition in 2000. His extraordinary vision for business and talent transcends the music

field and spills over into film, television, Broadway, hotels, and restaurants, among other endeavors.

Since taking the music industry by storm in 1985 as the lead singer of the Miami Sound Machine to a successful transition as an international superstar, multiple Latin GRAMMY and GRAMMY winner **Gloria Estefan** is one of the most accomplished singer-songwriters in the music industry. Gloria was honored with the Latin Recording Academy Person of the Year recognition in 2008.

Emilio and Gloria's musical talents have not only catapulted their own careers, but have paved the way for other talented artists.

"Twenty years ago we were part of the founding committee that launched the Latin GRAMMYs™ and it is such a satisfying honor to be a part of this organization as benefactors that will make reality the dream of one student with interest in Latin music. It is a pleasure to support and help a student attend one of the most prestigious and celebrated universities in the world, Berklee College of Music," said Emilio Estefan on behalf of the Estefans.

"It is a privilege for us to have the support of music icons Emilio and Gloria Estefan," said **Manolo Díaz**, Sr. Vice President of the Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation. "As musicians and entrepreneurs, the Estefans have a vast knowledge of all the areas in the industry. Through their leadership and support we hope to—not only change the life of an aspiring talent—but also inspire others to pursue the many careers available in music while inviting people to join our cause through donations."

Every year, the Foundation's Scholarship Committee carefully evaluates applications from a highly competitive pool of aspiring musicians on a variety of skills and under rigorous policies.

As of today, the Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation has committed to donating a remarkable \$4 million USD towards 200 scholarships, musical instrument donations, and educational events in Ibero-America.

This is the fifth Prodigy Scholarship awarded by the Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation, which supports a four-year education. Previous artists who have co-sponsored scholarships include **Enrique Iglesias** (2015), **Juan Luis Guerra** (2016), **Miguel Bosé** (2017), and **Carlos Vives** (2018).

For applications, guidelines, and for the latest news please visit the official website of the Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation at [LatinGRAMMYCulturalFoundation.com](http://LatinGRAMMYCulturalFoundation.com). As part of the process, students must complete two audition videos, submit two letters of recommendation and answer two essay questions. The materials can be submitted in English, Spanish or Portuguese. The deadline to apply is **April 10, 2019, by 11:59 p.m. ET (United States Eastern Standard time)**. After reviewing the guidelines that can be found on our website, submit any questions to [LGCF@grammy.com](mailto:LGCF@grammy.com).

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## **ABOUT THE LATIN GRAMMY CULTURAL FOUNDATION:**

The Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation was established by The Latin Recording Academy® to promote international awareness and appreciation of the significant contributions of Latin music and its makers to the world's culture, and to protect its rich musical legacy and heritage. The Foundation's primary charitable focus is to provide scholarships to students interested in Latin music with financial needs, as well as grants to scholars and organizations worldwide for research and preservation of diverse Latin music genres. For additional information, please visit us at [Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation](#), or join us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

## **ABOUT BERKLEE COLLEGE OF MUSIC:**

Berklee is the preeminent institute of contemporary music and the performing arts, offering undergraduate and graduate degree programs at its campuses in Boston, Massachusetts and Valencia, Spain, and through its award-winning distance learning program, Berklee Online. Dedicated to nurturing the creative and career potential of the world's most inspired artists, Berklee's commitment to arts education is reflected in the work of its students, faculty, and alumni—hundreds of whom have been recognized with Grammy, Tony, Oscar, and Emmy Awards.

At Berklee College of Music and Boston Conservatory at Berklee, students explore interdisciplinary approaches to music, dance, theater, film, business, healthcare, education, technology, and more. Our pioneering youth programs reach underserved classrooms throughout the U.S. and beyond. With students and alumni from more than 100 nations and educational partners across the world, we are forging new connections among art forms, musical traditions, and technologies to build a dynamic, diverse, and collaborative global arts community. Learn more at [berklee.edu](#).

## **ABOUT EMILIO ESTEFAN:**

A multiple Latin GRAMMY and GRAMMY winner, Emilio Estefan is a musician, songwriter, record and television producer, best-selling author, filmmaker, and cultural ambassador. He has shaped and directed the careers of many musical talents, including Shakira, Ricky Martin, Marc Anthony, Jon Secada, Jennifer López and many others. He is one of the founding leaders of the Latin GRAMMY Awards®. Estefan was honored with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and the Songwriters Hall of Fame presented him with a lifetime achievement award. He was selected as the second vice chair to the Commission for the National Museum of the American Latino by President Barack Obama, and President George W. Bush appointed him as a member of the President's Committee of the Arts and Humanities. He is an entrepreneur, owning and operating seven restaurants, two hotels and an internationally recognized publishing company. In 2019, along with his wife Gloria, will receive the coveted Gershwin Prize by the Library of Congress for excellence in songwriting.

## **ABOUT GLORIA ESTEFAN:**

Gloria Estefan is one of the most successful crossover artists in Latin music history. She is a multiple Latin GRAMMY and GRAMMY winning singer, songwriter, actress, author of two New York Times best-selling children's books, and executive producer of the Tony nominated musical, *On Your Feet!* She is considered the most successful Latin crossover artist having sold more than 100 million records worldwide and achieved 38 #1 hits across the Billboard charts. Her many achievements are a testament to her success: an Oscar nomination for the song "Music of My Heart"; the Presidential Medal of Freedom; Kennedy Center Honors; a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame; Spain's Gold Medal of Merit in the Fine Arts; and a National Artistic Achievement Award from the U.S. Congress, among many others. She and husband Emilio are set to receive the coveted Gershwin Prize from the Library of Congress for excellence in songwriting and is scheduled to release a new album in 2019.

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