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Dear Orchestra Directors and Private Music Teachers:

**The Dorothy Reaves String Award** sponsored by the Foundation for Promotion of Music (FPM) is presented annually to outstanding players who are enrolled in high school. Classical guitar soloists are also eligible for this award.

The audition is open to students in 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades from Alachua County and surrounding areas. There is no application fee. The First-Place winner will receive a monetary prize of \$250. The Second-Place winner will receive \$150. First prize winners from previous years may not compete once again.

A copy of the application form accompanies this letter, which we encourage you to circulate to any interested students. Please note there is a firm application deadline of **March 21, 2026**. Applications may be sent by U.S. Mail or e-mail but must be received by the deadline date.

Auditions will be held in person this year on **March 28, 2026**, at the Celebration United Methodist Church, 9501 SW Archer Rd., Gainesville at a time to be determined. The audition material will consist of a work for solo instrument by a composer of any nationality. An accompanist is not required.

Anyone who applies must be willing and available to perform their piece on **Sunday, April 19, 2026**, if they have won first or second prize. The recital will occur at the Thomas Center, 302 NE 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Gainesville.

Please let me know if you have any questions about these procedures. If you do not have a student applying and you are available to be a judge for the audition, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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