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Dear Band/Orchestra Directors and Private Music Teachers,

The Foundation for the Promotion of Music, Inc. sponsored **Sarah Baird Fouse Wind Award** is presented annually to an outstanding wind player (woodwind) at high school level in honor of Sarah Baird Fouse (Sally to all of us). Sally was the flute professor for 35 years at the University of Florida and cornerstone of the music scene both here in Gainesville/Alachua County and the state of Florida as well as the flute community throughout the country.

This audition is open to high school students enrolled in schools in Alachua and contiguous counties. The 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner will receive a monetary prize of \$500 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner will receive a monetary prize of \$250. Both winners should plan to perform at the FPM Awards Recital to be held at the Thomas Center (302 NE 6<sup>th</sup> Ave) on Sunday, April 14, 2024, at 2:00pm.

The audition material will consist of a work for solo instrument chosen by the applicant. **Please bring a clean copy of the music with the measures numbered for the judges. The soloist needs to provide a piano accompanist (unless the selected literature is specifically written for unaccompanied instrumentalist) at both the audition and the FPM Award Recital on Sunday, April 14, 2024. FPM will cover the cost of the accompanist for the winners at the Award Recital.**

Just a reminder that there is a **HARD DEADLINE** for the applications to be received. **The deadline is Saturday, March 9, 2024.** There will be NO exceptions. Applications must be received by mail or via e-mail by this date. **Auditions will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at Celebration United Methodist Church, 9501 SW Archer Rd.** Audition times will be sent to each applicant. Applicants should appear a half hour before their appointed time.

A copy of the application form accompanies this letter, which we encourage you to circulate to any interested woodwind instrumentalists in your programs.

The application can be mailed to:

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Gainesville, FL 32608

Or emailed to: [brillclaudia@gmail.com](mailto:brillclaudia@gmail.com)

Please let me know if you have any questions about these procedures.

Sincerely,  
Claudia Brill  
352-538-1973