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Poverty youths receive music scholarships

Eight gifted teenage musicians from low-income families have been awarded scholarships to the Eastern Music Festival at Guilford College near Greensboro, N.C., this summer in a competition sponsored by Economic Opportunity Atlanta.

They were selected after auditions before a panel of professional musicians and poverty-area residents, according to Dr. Benno Frank, director of "Creative Atlanta," EOA's summer arts program. Two additional scholarships are still pending.

The festival program, which will run from June 20 to Aug. 1, will include professional artists and instrumental music students from all over the nation. Students will be given private instruction by the professional musicians.

Participation of poverty youths is made possible through an OEO grant to five Southeastern cities. The scholarships include tuition, living expenses, a clothing allowance, transportation, and incidentals.

During the summer the students will present numerous public performances, including a program on North Carolina's educational TV station. Plans are also being made for a White House performance in the fall.