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## Two Thomas Students Win EOA Music Scholarships

Phyllis Carter and Sheila White, both students at Thomas High School in College Park, have been named winners of Economic Opportunity Atlanta summer music scholarships to attend the Eastern Music Festival.

The festival will be held at Guilford College near Greensboro, N. C. June 20 through Aug. 1. Participants will receive private instruction from professional musicians.

Phyllis, 13, and Sheila, 16, are both students of James H. Patterson, band director at Thomas.

The girls, who live just two blocks apart, are among eight winners in the entire city. Scholarship recipients 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.

During the summer festival participants will present numerous public concerts. Arrangements have also been

made with an educational television channel in North Carolina to film a program featuring the young musicians, and plans are being made for a special White House performance this fall.

Scholarships include tuition, living expenses, clothing allowance, transportation and incidentals.

Phyllis, who plays the bassoon, was an alternate on the junior high all-state band and plays saxophone during the football season. She has also been playing the piano since she was six and began her band instruction on the clarinet as a fourth-grader. Patterson began teaching her

to play the bassoon two years ago.

Sheila, who also started with the clarinet, now plays oboe and hopes to learn to play the saxophone or flute.

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