

Scholarship in support of traditional music and arts

Jenine Stickler Memorial Fund

In celebrating her commitment to community and the arts, the Jenine Stickler Memorial Fund awards scholarships for children ages 3-18 living or attending school in Mecosta, Osceola, Lake, Newaygo or Montcalm Counties.

This scholarship fund is designed to help students with demonstrated financial need obtain the necessary tools to take part in school, community, church and other personal music, art, and dance pursuits. Examples include, but are not limited to dance shoes, acoustical musical instruments: violin, bass, piano, flute, etc., and variety of art supplies or equipment used in the traditional arts.

*Submit scholarship application
and letters of reference.*

APPLY ONLINE AT:

www.wheatlandmusic.org

For more information (989) 967-8879

Email: Scholarship@wheatlandmusic.org

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The Jenine Stickler Memorial Fund

The Wheatland Music Organization, Inc. (WMO) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to serve as a regional resource center, and to preserve and present traditional music, dance, arts and crafts. One of the ways that WMO meets this mission is through the Jenine Stickler Memorial Fund.

Jenine loved all kinds of art and music. She enjoyed out-of-the-way little art shops and art fairs with hand crafted items. Music played a key role in Jenine's life. She played the piano, guitar and flute. A popular wedding, funeral, and church singer, she also sang with her mother and sisters, and, for her family and friends. Her energy was unmatched when 'cutting the rug' on the dance floor. A devoted mother and youth leader, Jenine always encouraged youth to reach their highest potential.

Friends and family have established a permanent and sustainable designated memorial fund in Jenine's name - an endowment within Mecosta County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Fremont Area Community Foundation, www.tfacf.org, that serves Mecosta, Osceola, Lake & Newaygo Counties. The Jenine Stickler Memorial Fund earnings are distributed by Wheatland Music Organization to help youth with demonstrated financial need to obtain art 'tools and equipment' so they can take part in school, community, church and other personal arts pursuits. Included might be acoustical musical instruments (violin, bass, piano, flute, etc.) or art supplies/equipment (dance shoes, a potters wheel, etc.) Eligible children/youth live, or attend school, in Mecosta, Osceola, Lake, Newaygo or Montcalm Counties. It is the intention of the Wheatland Music Organization, Inc. to assist those with the greatest financial need and/or the greatest potential for growth.

Applications are considered on a first-come, first-served basis. The names of the awardees and purpose of award are published in the annual Wheatland Music Organization, Inc. festival program and/or in the organization's newsletter "Quarter Notes." Checks are only forwarded after the applicant has raised the additional amount necessary and purchase/lease agreements are confirmed and documented.

The Jenine Stickler Memorial Fund is to support individual children youth (ages 3 -18) – not groups. Each individual must apply separately.

Not all applicants are awarded. Applicants increase their chances of being awarded by:

- Clearly identifying skills to be gained that fit the stated purpose of the Scholarship fund,
- Completing the application themselves or with the assistance of a parent or guardian,
- Being a first time applicant,
- Listing the school they attend and their county of residence,
- Demonstrating the greatest financial need and/or the greatest potential for growth, and,
- Showing commitment by having raised a portion of the funds needed.

Applications need not be typed. Two reference letters must accompany the application, with at least one preferably from someone in the traditional arts and knowledgeable of the applicant's potential. Reference letters must not be by family members or anyone financially benefiting from the award. Also, applicants should attach a photo, appraisal or page from catalog describing the item to be purchased, including price. If possible, send the application package two months before the purchase or lease or equipment, tools or instrument. Awards usually range from \$75 to \$500.

Before the end of the year, awardees are required to provide a written report using the Fund's evaluation form (Awardee Report) which is also completed and signed by your instructor, parent or mentor. Awardees are also encouraged to publicly acknowledge receipt of the scholarship. Note: By accepting this scholarship, recipient expressly consents and agrees to the use of recipient's name and/or likeness in any WMO publication or promotional material. Recipient further agrees that any photos produced by WMO incident to this consent are the exclusive property of WMO.

Scholarship applications can be obtained from school counselors, music stores, arts centers, by calling Wheatland Music Organization, Inc. at (989) 967-8879, or, from the organization's webpage www.wheatlandmusic.org (click on Giving and Receiving and then Jenine Stickler Memorial Fund).

Wheatland Music Organization

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APPLICATION FORM

The purpose of the Jenine Stickler Memorial Fund is to provide funding to enable children and youth to enhance their personal growth and education in the areas of traditional music, dance, arts and crafts. Applications are accepted by children or youth (ages 3 – 18) who live, or attend school, in Mecosta, Osceola, Lake, Newaygo or Montcalm Counties to obtain art 'tools and equipment' so they can take part in school, community, church and other personal arts pursuits. Included might be acoustical musical instruments (violin, bass, piano, flute, etc.) or art supplies/equipment (dance shoes, a potters wheel, etc.) It is the intention of the Jenine Stickler Memorial Fund to assist those with the greatest financial need and/or the greatest potential for growth. Wheatland Music Organization, Inc. (WMO) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to serve as a regional resource center, and to preserve and present traditional music, dance, arts and crafts.

NOTE: All blanks must be filled.

Applicant Name: _____

Age of Applicant: _____

School _____

Email address _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

City _____, MI ZIP: _____

County: _____ Total Household Income \$ _____

How many family members are living on this income? _____

What circumstances cause financial need? _____

Have you received a scholarship from us in the past?

☐ Yes ☐ No Amount \$ _____ Year _____

Did you submit an Awardee Report? _____

How did you hear about the Memorial Fund? _____

Have you ever attended Wheatland Music Organization events? (optional) ☐ Yes _____ ☐ No _____

Please list other experiences you have had in the area of traditional arts: _____

(Information in the first column can be completed by parent. Information below must be completed by applicants 10 yrs or older. The back of this form can be used if more space is needed. One application per financial request, please.)

Please describe the art tools, equipment or instrument for which you are seeking funding: (Please attach to your application: a photo, catalog page or a copy of Web site page showing the item. Name the Brand, Style, Model #, etc.) _____

What is the total cost of the art tools, equipment or instrument?:

\$ _____ .00 ☐ Leasing or ☐ Purchasing?

Amount you have raised to date: _____

Amount requested from WMO? _____

When/Dates you need the item(s) listed above?: _____

If you are attending a class please list the name of instructor, qualifications (if known), and location of activity: _____

Describe the traditional art skill, talent, instrument played or art/craft you will learn or improve through use of the tools, equipment or instrument funded: _____

How does this activity fit in with your future goals? Please be specific. _____

How is this activity consistent with the goals of the Wheatland Music Organization, Inc. and the purpose of the Jenine Stickler Memorial Fund "to enhance personal growth and education in the areas of traditional arts and music?" _____

Please mail completed and signed application, along with 2 letters of reference (not written by family members or anyone that might financially benefit from award); letters by those familiar with traditional arts preferred), and, if possible, include one picture of item.

1) Reference letter from: _____

2) Reference letter from: _____

3) Copy of photo, catalog page or other showing the item. _____

Note: By signing this application, applicants and their guardians are agreeing not to resell the tools, equipment or instruments purchased with money granted by the Jenine Stickler Memorial Fund for 3 years after receiving their award.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Date received by office _____

This form can be printed and filled out by hand. The information may also be submitted electronically. Be sure to make a copy before sending the original.

MAIL TO: Scholarship Committee, Wheatland Music Organization, Inc., P.O. Box 22, Remus, Michigan 49340.
OR scan all and email to scholarship@wheatlandmusic.org.

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POLICY STATEMENT

The goal of the Scholarship Committee is to evaluate applications fairly and make distributions to eligible candidates.

1. Youth whose families with higher incomes are encouraged to show matching funds at least equal to the scholarship grant request amount. Youth applicants are encouraged to show commitment by having raised at least a portion of the funds themselves.
2. The Committee shall be comprised of at least three persons of whom one is a Board Member and at least one youth.
3. The Committee shall strive to evaluate applications within two weeks of receipt by Committee.
4. The Fund shall be funded by a line item allocation each year and by donations from individuals and groups (gifts may be earmarked to a particular art form or geographic area – not to an individual or group of individuals). Remaining earmarked donations may be carried over.
5. The Committee shall base its decision making on the criteria outlined in the Elyce Fishman Scholarship Fund guidelines. At least 2/3 of the allocation will be reserved for those seeking assistance for traditional arts endeavors – with the intention of phasing out fine arts awards.
6. The Committee reserves the right to restrict the number of awards to the same applicant to not more than three and may choose to reduce the award amount with repeat applicants.
7. The Committee shall not give preference to applicants who are, or whose family members are, employees, staff, officers, directors, committee members, or contributors. All applicants will be evaluated based on fund's criteria. The Committee makes selections on an objective and nondiscriminatory basis.
8. Committee members shall disclose any relationship to applicants and abstain from voting if a direct or indirect financial or personal interest is noted.
9. The WMO office shall maintain records, including those who received or were denied funds, for a period of at least 7 years. The records shall include the completed application, the response and the followup report.
10. Scholarship award cannot be applied towards costs already incurred and can only be applied toward future expenses.
11. Awards are typically \$75 - \$500. Applicants are received Feb. 1 – Dec. 1; those received after Dec. 1 may not be considered until Feb. 1 or after.
12. Note: In the event an award of \$600 or more is paid to an applicant, an IRS 1099 is required.



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AWARDEE REPORT

Dear Scholarship Awardee:

The Internal Revenue Service exempts nonprofit organizations that make awards to individuals from tax liability if specific conditions are met. Therefore, Wheatland Music Organization, Inc. must make sure that the scholarship awardee receives the award to achieve a specific objective or improve or enhance an artistic skill. The IRS requires Wheatland Music Organization to obtain a followup report from each scholarship awardee describing the skill that was improved or enhanced.

If you are awarded a Jenine Stickler Memorial Fund by Wheatland Music Organization, it is your responsibility to complete this report and return it within 30 days following the end of your traditional arts study or at end of year.

Scholarship awardee name: _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Describe activity for which the scholarship was used.: _____

Dates scholarship funds were used: _____

1. Written report by Applicant. In the application you were asked to describe the traditional arts skill, talent, instrument played or art/craft you will learn or improve through the scholarship activity. Describe the specific objectives or improved/enhanced artistic skills you achieved as a result of your scholarship award.

Examples below:

- a. I received a Jenine Stickler Memorial Fund scholarship to buy my first guitar. I purchased it on _____ at _____
I can now play four chords and have improved my strumming. I am also taking private lessons.
- b. I received a scholarship to help me lease a violin to take part in my school's elementary orchestra. I began leasing it on _____ and leased it all school year. I learned how to hold the violin, how to bow and how to take care of the strings. I practice every week. I performed in my school's spring orchestra recital. Next year my teacher says I will need a larger sized violin. See picture attached of me in the orchestra recital.
- c. I received a scholarship to help buy some carving tools. I purchased a twelve set and a mallet for wood carving. My neighbor is my mentor and he has taught me what type of wood to select, the correct moisture level for carving, and how to choose the right tool. I have completed a totem. See picture attached.

Optional: Attached photo showing child performing or demonstrating the traditional art that Wheatland Music Organization may use in publications.

Parent signature _____

Date _____

2. Applicant/Parent. Complete this sentence:

I received a Jenine Stickler Memorial Fund scholarship to buy or lease a _____.

I purchased it/leased it beginning on _____ (date.) Using this, I have learned _____

and improved _____. I also _____.

You have my permission to use this photo and/or statement for publicity or reporting purposes.

Signature of Applicant/Parent _____ Date _____.

3. Written comments by the instructor/teacher/mentor or parent:

Signature of instructor/teacher/mentor or parent _____

Return completed form to: Scholarship Committee, Wheatland Music Organization, Inc. Box 22, Remus, MI 49340