



## **Ruth Stenson MusicLink Award**

The Minnesota MusicLink program has established a scholarship award for a Minnesota MusicLink student who is a graduating high school senior and taking music lessons through the MusicLink program. This award recognizes a MusicLink student who has shown ongoing commitment to lessons and has made significant progress. The student must demonstrate outstanding achievement in music and a willingness to share their musical talent with others through service.

The award in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded to one Minnesota MusicLink student for use towards further study in music.

**Application deadline: May 31, 2023**

A student eligible for this award must meet the following criteria:

- Completion of at least three years of lessons through MusicLink
- Evidence of outstanding achievement in music (teacher nomination, awards, school & community involvement, etc.)
- Attainment of an advanced level of performance (CD, audio or video recording)
- Commitment to continue musical study/personal involvement with music in the future
- Plans to attend college (does not need to be majoring in music)

*Ruth Stenson was a MusicLink teacher for many years in the Thief River Falls, MN area. She taught many MusicLink students during her career and touched many young lives with her gift of music.*

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**2023 Application**

**Personal Contact Information**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

**Musical Background/History**

YRS OF STUDY W/ MUSICLINK: \_\_\_\_\_ INSTRUMENT(s): \_\_\_\_\_

MUSICLINK TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Educational Experience**

SCHOOL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT'S GRADE POINT AVERAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ as of \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

**Musical Outreach Experience**

ORGANIZATION NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SUPERVISOR'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **PART II. PERSONAL ESSAY**

Please submit an essay no longer than 2 pages that explains what musical study means to you, how music has affected your life and how you plan to continue music in the future. Expand on your future goals and interests beyond music as well.

## **PART III. EXAMPLE OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE**

Please mail, email or text a CD, audio, or videotape that demonstrates your performance abilities on your instrument. Include several different types of performance styles (different composers, musical styles, periods of music, etc.) to allow us to hear the full range of your musical performance capabilities.

## **PART IV. TEACHER RECOMMENDATION**

Each application should include a typed recommendation from your MusicLink teacher(s) describing your personal, musical, and academic accomplishments. A recommendation from another teacher affiliated with the applicant's school may also be included.

***Please send completed application by mail or e-mail to arrive no later than  
May 31, 2023:***

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