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McNelley Music Scholarship!
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Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

Scholarships are awarded to female full-time students majoring in Instrumental or Choral Music, including but not limited to performance, education, composition, theory, and history; attending a university in the Big Ten Conference; for tuition, and paid to the university; and renewable for students in good standing with the university. Applicants must have sophomore standing at the time of application.

Email scholarships@peoiowa.org for application materials
Submission Deadline--March 1.

McNelley Music Scholarship



To: Big 10 Conference Music Departments:

Iowa State Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood established the McNelley Music Scholarship in August of 2012. Annual income is used to provide a scholarship to female, fulltime music students majoring in Instrumental or Choral Music, including but not limited to performance, education, composition, theory, or history. The student must attend a university in the Big 10 Conference. The scholarship can be used for tuition and will be paid directly to the university. The scholarship is also renewable for students in good standing with the university.

Included with this letter is a digital poster, FAQ sheet, application instruction sheet, and application form. We are asking if you could provide this information to all your female music students.

Applications are due March 1, 2021.

Materials are also available at:

scholarships@peoiowa.org

Thank you,

Rita Cyrzan

Iowa P.E.O. Scholarship Selection Committee



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for your interest in the McNelley Music Scholarship. Applicants must be **women** who have at least **sophomore** standing at the time of application and have at least **one semester of studies to complete** before graduating. The scholarship funds are for the 2021-2022 academic year and will be paid to the university.

DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

- _____ 1. The **current** P.E.O. McNelley Music Scholarship Application form:
 - Must be typed or printed legibly
 - **ALL** blanks **must** be filled in
 - If an item is not applicable, indicate this by entering "NA"
 - Your Student ID Number or Enrollment Number is essential to meet Federal Eligibility Requirements
 - Please use another email address other than .edu
- _____ 2. A typed 600 word or less **personal narrative**
 - Insight into you as a person:
 - Influences leading to your chosen career
 - Your interests, talents, and hobbies
 - Previous experience in or exposure to your chosen career
 - Your career objectives
 - Your educational goals
- _____ 3. **ONE** (1) reference from current Music Faculty...**no emails accepted.**
- _____ 4. **ONE** (1) **current official school transcript.**

START EARLY

- Request your supportive documents (transcript and one current faculty reference) as soon as possible:
 - Helps ensure you will receive those documents in time to mail your application packet prior to **March 1**
 - **Submissions received with a later than March 1 postmark or incomplete applications will not be considered**

MAIL YOUR APPLICATION PACKET

- The completed application form and all supporting documents **must be mailed** together in **ONE** envelope (**no emails**) to:

**Rita Cyrzan, Vice Chair
Scholarship Selection Committee
1172 South Hill Drive
Waterloo, IA 50701-5034**

YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED

Notification of the decision of the committee will be sent to each applicant by July 1. Funds are for the following fall school term and will be distributed after enrollment, at the identified institution, is officially confirmed. Should you have any questions, please contact the committee Vice Chair via email at: racc1113@gmail.com



McNelley Music Scholarship Information – FAQ

The McNelley family asked the P.E.O. Foundation to administer an annual Music Scholarships to be awarded to women studying music at a Big 10 University with a Music Department. Since August of 2012, the Scholarship Selection Committee has been managing, receiving, and choosing a recipient on an annual basis.

How does one apply for the scholarship?

Scholarship applications and instruction sheets are available at scholarships@peoiowa.org or may be available at the Big 10 Music Departments. P.E.O. Chapters can notify qualified applicants encouraging them to apply, but have no part in nominating applicants as it is not a State or International Project.

When is the application period?

One envelope containing the following: McNelley Application form, 600 word or less Personal Narrative, one current Music Faculty Reference and Official Transcripts of the nominee must be postmarked no later than **March 1** and mailed to the Vice Chair of the Scholarship Selection Committee; please see name of Vice Chair on Scholarship Application Instructions.

When is the scholarship awarded?

The Scholarship Selection Committee reviews and selects the recipient and forwards a written report to the Iowa State Executive Board for ratification at the Spring Board Meeting. The award will be announced during the business meeting at the Convention of Iowa State Chapter in June. The recipient and the applicants not selected will also be notified by the Scholarship Selection Committee Vice Chair.

What are the qualifications for a nominee?

1. Be a woman currently enrolled in a Music Program at a Big 10 University with a Music Department.
2. Be a full time student majoring in Instrumental or Choral Music including Composition, Performance, Education, Theory or History.
3. Be a sophomore or higher standing at the time of application and having at least one semester to complete before graduation.
4. Demonstrate academic excellence, maturity, and a seriousness of purpose.

What are the selection criteria?

- Influences leading to chosen career
- Future Goals and career objectives
- School Involvement
- Character, interests, talents, and hobbies
- Scholarship
- Previous experience in or exposure to your career chose

Questions?

Please contact the Scholarship Selection Committee Vice Chair at scholarships@peoiowa.org.



McNelly P.E.O. Music Scholarship 2021 - 2022 Application

This application is for a First Time _____ or Renewal _____

An incomplete application will disqualify you from being considered for the scholarship.
All information is subject to verification and will be held confidential. Scholarship is for women only.

Section 1 – Personal Information

1. Applicant (please type or print)

_____ (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

3. Phone (cell) _____ email address: (no .edu) _____

4. Enrollment Number or Student Identification Number _____

Section II. Academic Information

Name and Campus location of School to be attended or currently attending:

Academic Status as of Fall 2021: Junior _____ Senior _____ Graduate _____

Major/Degree Objective: _____ Expected date of completion: _____

Educational Background: List high schools and/or colleges attended. List most recent first.

Name and location of school / college	Dates attended	GPA	Degree received & date

Performance / Composition / Directorial Experience

Event	Location	Date	Event Sponsor

Please list the references you are submitting:

Reference Name	Position	Current Faculty

Please attach a 600 word or less personal narrative, signed and dated to this application. Describe your choice of study and experience to date in that field and career goal(s) in detail.

Are you a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood? Yes _____ No _____

Are you related to a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood? Yes _____ No _____ Relationship_____