

# Pierre Educational Foundation

“Partnership in Academic Excellence”

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## Evelyn Benesh Music Scholarship Application

The Evelyn Benesh Music Scholarship was established in 2022 to support a T.F. Riggs High School graduate studying or emphasizing music in their post secondary education. An applicant should combine a demonstrated music ability and a sincere interest in developing that ability through post-secondary education.

One scholarship of \$40,000 may be awarded to a student planning to attend a college or university to study or emphasize music. Preference will be given to candidates that wish to pursue a career in classical music or that seek a music major with the goal of teaching. A 3.0 GPA is required to maintain the scholarship.

Selection Criteria/Requirements:

- 1) T.F. Riggs High School graduate;
- 2) Enrollment in a college or university to study or emphasize music in post-secondary education, with a preference for a student pursuing a career in classical music or a music major with a goal of teaching;
- 3) 750-word essay describing the applicant’s passion for music and plans to emphasize music in post-secondary education; and
- 4) Recommendation letter from a music teacher;
- 5) Enrollment in college, university, technical school or vocational school.

Please type (or handwrite neatly) your application. This application must be completed and submitted to the Pierre Educational Foundation no later than **March 30**.

**Mail application to: Pierre Educational Foundation, PO Box 94, Pierre, SD 57501**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of college/university or technical/vocational school that you are planning to attend, if known:

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Area of focus planned for post-secondary education:

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In addition to the questions below, attach the following to your application:

Copy of your high school transcript, including class rank. Unofficial transcript is acceptable.

Two letters of recommendation. Recommendation letters should not be from family members. One letter of recommendation must be from a music teacher (high school or other). Other sources of recommendations could be other teachers, church members, extracurricular contacts, or an employer. Letters should be addressed to the Pierre Educational Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee and must reference the name of the student and the scholarship. Letters of recommendation can be included with the application or submitted directly to the Pierre Educational Foundation, PO Box 94, Pierre, SD 57501.

750-word essay describing the applicant's passion for music and plans to emphasize music in post-secondary education. The essay must be typed.

**Please answer the questions thoughtfully and thoroughly. If you need additional space, please attach additional sheets. Your complete answers are appreciated to assist the scholarship committee with their selection.**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Post-Graduation Education Plans**

(Please state your plans for after graduation).

**2. Goals**

(Describe your goals and what you have done in the past and intend to do in the future to achieve your goals. Include any obstacles or challenges that you had while working to achieve the goals you have set for yourself).

**3. School Activities**

(Please list your school-based activities. These activities might include offices, positions, years of membership, including both school and extra-curricular activities. Include any awards and/or recognition received and special accomplishments in this area).

**4. Community Activities**

(Please list your community activities. These activities might include church activities, servant leadership, volunteering, scouting, etc. Include any awards and/or recognition received and special accomplishments in this area).

**5. Leadership Activities**

(Please list specific leadership activities you have held either in school or the community).

**6. Work Experience**

(Please list employer, length of service, and describe skills for each job held).

**7. Financial Need**

(Please describe your need for financial assistance. Please be specific concerning any family financial difficulties or hardships. Please list any other known scholarships that you will be receiving).

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