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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 your application and print single sided only. This application must be completed and submitted to the Pierre Educational Foundation no later than **March 31**.

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

Scholarship Application

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

Email Address (Do not use your school email address): _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Address: _____

Parent's Phone Number(s): _____

GPA: _____ Class Rank: _____

Name of college/university or technical/vocational school you are planning to attend:

Area of focus planned for your post-secondary education:

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. Only one letter of recommendation can be from school faculty or coaching staff. Other sources of recommendation could be 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.

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

Please answer the questions thoughtfully and thoroughly. The Selection Committee uses the information you provide to select scholarship recipients. If you need additional space, please attach additional sheets. Your complete answers are appreciated to assist the scholarship committee with their selection.

1. **Post-Graduation Education Plans.** Please explain your plans for education after high school and your anticipated career.

2. **Goals.** Describe your future education and career goals and what you have done to achieve your goals. Include any obstacles or challenges that you had or anticipate having while working to achieve your goals.

3. **Financial Need.** Describe your need for financial assistance. Please include details regarding the cost of your selected program (if known) and if any portion of the anticipated cost has been covered by other means such as savings, grants or other scholarships. Please be specific concerning any family financial difficulties or hardships. **Please Note:** The selection committee is aware of the costs of post-high school education. Please provide information about your specific financial need and how this scholarship will help address it versus highlighting the cost of education, generally.

4. Additional Scholarships Received.

Which of the following scholarships have you received or qualified for based on your grades, ACT scores or planned program:

Yes	No	Build Dakota Scholarship
Yes	No	Dakota Corps Scholarship
Yes	No	South Dakota Opportunity Scholar
Yes	No	Freedom Scholarship
Yes	No	Critical Teaching Needs Scholarship

Are you receiving any athletic or academic scholarship(s) from the school you plan to attend?

Yes No

List any additional scholarships that you have received, including the name of the scholarship and the amount awarded. Include scholarship awards from all sources.

- 5. Work Experience.** Please provide a history of your work experience during high school. Please list each employer and provide the requested details. Please detail any leadership roles you held with the employer. Attach additional pages if needed.

Employer or Business Name: _____
Start Date- End Date: _____
Position(s) Held: _____
Duties: _____

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- 6. School Activities.** Please list the activities you participated in during high school. These activities might include teams, offices, positions, and memberships, including both school and extra-curricular activities. Include any awards and/or recognition received and special accomplishments in this area. Please be sure to detail any leadership roles you held. Attach additional pages if needed.

Activity: _____
Start Date- End Date: _____
Position(s) Held: _____
Summary of the activity: _____

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Awards and accomplishments of the activity:

- 7. Community/Volunteer Activities.** Please list the community/volunteer activities you participated in during high school. These activities might include church activities, servant leadership, volunteering, scouting, etc. Include any awards and/or recognition received and special accomplishments in this area. Please be sure to detail any leadership roles you held. Attach additional pages if needed.

Activity: _____
Start Date- End Date: _____
Position(s) Held: _____
Summary of the activity: _____

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- 8. Additional Leadership Activities.** Please list the additional leadership activities you participated in during high school not already listed on this application. These activities might include church activities, servant leadership, volunteering, scouting, etc. Include any awards and/or recognition received and special accomplishments in this area. Please be sure to detail any leadership roles you held. Attach additional pages if needed.

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Summary of the activity: _____

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