

Northeast Iowa School of Music

Ryan Scholarship Application Guidelines 2020-2021

Overview

The Ryan Scholarship Fund was established in 2017 in memory of Leroy and Marion Ryan. This funding for students to study at Northeast Iowa School of Music is provided through an endowed scholarship fund with the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque.

The purpose of the Ryan scholarship is to enhance the music education of a student who is not currently taking private lessons due to need for financial assistance. The ideal recipient is a student who intends to enroll at Northeast Iowa School of Music and has been recommended by a teacher or other adult who can attest that the student shows potential to succeed in his/her music lessons and has sufficient need of financial aid.

For the 2020-2021 school year, one student will be awarded a full scholarship for weekly 30-minute private lessons. Applicants should intend to study at our school for the entire 2020-2021 school year.

Eligibility

The Ryan Scholarship is open to music students of any age and is eligible for all lesson types.

Students with financial need and musical potential are encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to students who have never been enrolled at Northeast Iowa School of Music.

Students who have been enrolled here for less than two years and who demonstrate both financial need and musical potential will also be considered.

How to Apply

To apply, submit a Ryan Scholarship Application form to Northeast Iowa School of Music by Monday, June 15, 2020. Forms are available at the office and at nisom.com.

The Ryan form must be used. An application form for our general need-based scholarship program is not sufficient. Students who wish to be considered for a need-based scholarship in the event that they are not awarded the Ryan scholarship or families seeking need-based scholarships for additional lessons may indicate this in their Ryan Scholarship application form. A separate application for need-based scholarship consideration is not necessary.

Applicants will be required to have a letter of recommendation from a music teacher or another adult who can attest to abilities, which must also be submitted to the school office by June 15. (See page 2 for more information.)

Letter of Recommendation

A letter of recommendation is a required component of the application. This letter may be from: 1) the instructor with whom you currently study the instrument or voice for which you are seeking the Ryan Scholarship, (e.g., a band, orchestra, or choir director) or 2) another adult who can attest to your abilities on that instrument or voice and your musical potential and perseverance.

Submission of letters: The teacher or other adult may give you the letter of recommendation to submit with your application, or he or she may submit it directly to our office. If submitted separately, letters must be received in the office by the scholarship application deadline of Monday, June 15, 2020.

Award Notification

The Endowed Scholarship Selection Committee will review all applications and select one Ryan Scholarship recipient for the 2020-2021 school year. Northeast Iowa School of Music reserves the right to select no recipient. Students will be notified of any award prior to the start of fall registration for the 2020-2021 school year.

Requirements of Recipient

To accept the Ryan Scholarship, the recipient must register for the 2020-21 school year during our regular fall registration period and must pay the balance of any fees (if applicable).

We will announce the recipient of the 2020-2021 Ryan scholarship in newsletters, on our bulletin board and social media, and on nisom.com. The recipient will submit a brief biography and photograph that may be used for publicity purposes to our office by August 1, 2020. The recipient will also write a thank you to the donor and offer the donor an in-person performance.

Like all our scholarship students, the Ryan Scholarship recipient is expected to demonstrate a visible commitment to their music studies, which includes regularly attending lessons, and practicing.

Questions

If you have any questions about this information or the application, please contact the office at (563) 690-0151 or admin@nisom.com.