

Stark-Fox Family Fund Scholarships

We are happy to announce the launch of two new PMEA scholarships (college expense reimbursement) applicable to the **2023-24 school year**, financed by the Stark-Fox Family Fund.

Eligible students are encouraged to begin the process NOW to recording a performance video, updating their resume, creating a portfolio, assembling corroborative documentation and references, and writing of the essay.

Download the application from the PMEA website: <https://www.pmea.net/scholarships-and-awards/>.

Application forms will go “live” on April 1, 2023. All materials are due on or before June 1, 2023.

PMEA Council TTRR Continuing Music Education Award

- Amount and number of scholarships may vary from year-to-year
- Full-time enrollment of at least one year (two complete semesters) as an undergraduate or graduate music education major in an accredited PA institution on or before the application deadline (**June 1, 2023**).
- Nonrenewable (selection of a different candidate each year)
- Paid directly to candidate as reimbursement for tuition, dorm/apartment rent, meals on campus, books, and/or the purchase of an instrument (copies of receipts should be U.S. mailed *once* to PMEA office by **June 1, 2024**).
- Blind judging by PMEA members with at least one member from the PMEA Council of Teacher Training, Recruitment, and Retention, PMEA EXCOM, and/or PMEA staff
- Criteria for selection
 - A minimum of one year as PCMEA member in good standing with letter of affirmation from the PCMEA sponsor (**PCMEA member in 2022-23**).
 - Submission of college transcript reflecting 3.5 GPA or higher
 - Demonstration of solo performance skills (2 to 5-minute video) or submission of composition(s)
 - Presentation of a music education portfolio with sample lesson plans, philosophy, and development of creative instructional activities with a focus on the arts at the center of STEAM
 - Participation in at least one PMEA-sponsored professional development program e.g., the Annual Conference (**2022 or 2023**), Summer Conference (**2022**), Webinar, or Regional Workshop (**in 2022-23**).
 - Completion of essay in response to the question “Why have you chosen a career in music education?” and portrayal of leadership and well-defined goals and aspirations towards a career in music education.
 - Letter of recommendation from at least one music education professor

PMEA Music-for-Lifelong-Learning Award

- Amount of scholarship may vary from year-to-year
- Full-time enrollment of at least one year (two complete semesters) as an undergraduate or graduate science-technology-engineering-mathematics major in an accredited PA institution on or before application deadline.
- Enrollment for at least one semester in a music performance course e.g., band, chamber music, chorus, jazz, or orchestra earning the letter grade of an “A” or equivalent in the current year (**2022-23**) with submission of letter of recommendation (and transcript) from that college ensemble director
- Nonrenewable (selection of a different candidate each year)
- Paid directly to candidate as reimbursement for tuition, dorm/apartment rent, meals on campus, books, and/or the purchase of an instrument (copies of receipts should be U.S. mailed *once* to PMEA office by **June 1, 2024**).
- Blind judging by PMEA members with at least one member from the PMEA Council of Teacher Training, Recruitment, and Retention, PMEA EXCOM, and/or PMEA staff
- Criteria for selection
 - Submission of college transcript reflecting 3.5 GPA or higher
 - Demonstration of applicant’s solo performance skills (2 to 5-minute video)
 - Presentation of a music portfolio with high school and college history of participation in music ensembles and pursuits in creative self-expression, concert programs, and/or evidence of the development of creative activities or projects with a focus on the arts at the center of STEAM
 - Completion of essay that reflects musical leadership, community service, and/or the candidate’s rationale and aspirations for the continuation of “music study as a life-skill”
 - Response to the question, “How does the study of music enhance your knowledge, skills, and depth of understanding for a career in science-technology-engineering-mathematics?”