



Ruth Stenson MusicLink Award

The Minnesota MusicLink program has established a scholarship award for a Minnesota MusicLink student who is a graduating high school senior and taking music lessons through the MusicLink program. This award recognizes a MusicLink student who has shown ongoing commitment to lessons, has made significant progress in lessons and demonstrates outstanding achievement in music.

The award in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded to one Minnesota MusicLink student for use towards further study in music.

Application deadline: May 15, 2012

A student eligible for this award must meet the following criteria:

- Completion of at least three years of lessons through MusicLink
- Evidence of outstanding achievement in music (teacher nomination, awards, school & community involvement, etc.)
- Attainment of an advanced level of performance (CD, audio or video tape)
- Commitment to continue musical study/personal involvement with music in the future
- Plans to attend college

Ruth Stenson was a MusicLink teacher for many years in the Thief River Falls, MN area. She taught many MusicLink students during her career and touched many young lives with her gift of music.

Ruth Stenson MusicLink Award
2012 Application

Personal Contact Information

NAME: _____

AGE: _____ GRADE: _____ Email: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

Musical Background/History

YRS OF STUDY W/ MUSICLINK: _____ INSTRUMENT(s): _____

MUSICLINK TEACHER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

Educational Experience

SCHOOL NAME: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

SCHOOL MUSIC TEACHER (if applicable): _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

STUDENT'S GRADE POINT AVERAGE: _____ as of _____ (date)

Musical Outreach Experience

ORGANIZATION
NAME: _____

SUPERVISOR'S
NAME: _____

DESCRIPTION OF
SERVICE: _____

PART II. PERSONAL ESSAY

Please submit an essay no longer than 2 pages that explains what musical study means to you, how music has affected your life and how you plan to continue music in the future. Expand on your future goals and interests beyond music as well.

PART III. STUDENT PERFORMANCE CD OR TAPE

Please send a CD, audio, or videotape that demonstrates your performance abilities on your instrument. If possible, include several different types of performance styles (different composers, musical styles, periods of music, etc.) to allow us to hear the full range of your musical performance capabilities.

PART IV. TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

Each application should include a typed recommendation from your MusicLink teacher(s) describing your personal, musical, and academic accomplishments. A recommendation from another teacher affiliated with the applicant's school may also be included.

Please send completed application materials in one envelope to the address below postmarked no later than May 15, 2012:

**Minnesota MusicLink
RE: Ruth Stenson Memorial MusicLink Award
8811 Hillside Trail S.
Cottage Grove, MN 55016**