

## GRETCHEN E. VAN ROY MUSIC EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS ST 9-2

For a college junior majoring in Music Education

Form expires August 2027

Annual First Place Award , \$1,500 - Second Place Award, \$500

Paid to the school at the beginning of the recipient's senior year

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**ENTRY FEE: \$10** (Pay online at [www.nfmc-music.org/payment](http://www.nfmc-music.org/payment) )

### HISTORY:

The NFMC Gretchen E. Van Roy Music Education Scholarship is awarded annually to a junior majoring in music education at a college or university which is a member of the NFMC and gives a degree in this field. If the school of music is not a member, the applicant must have an individual Student/Collegiate membership in the NFMC. A membership in the National Association for Music Education (NAFME) does not replace this requirement. The award is available at the beginning of the senior year and is payable to the institution.

**ADJUDICATION:** Since this is not a performance scholarship, music educators will judge the applications and recommendations that are submitted and determine the most highly qualified applicant. The schools of music recognize this scholarship in music education as a much-needed financial aid to the future music educators who may or may not be performers.

### ELIGIBILITY:

1. Entrants must have reached the 19<sup>th</sup> but not the 26<sup>th</sup> birthday by the application deadline (*March 1*).
2. The competition is open to citizens of the United States, either by birth or naturalization.
3. Membership in NFMC is required, either through a student/collegiate organization (i.e. a college/university that is a member of NFMC) OR as an Individual Member. Visit [www.nfmc-music.org/payment](http://www.nfmc-music.org/payment) to pay the annual student/collegiate individual membership dues.
4. Entrant may enter competitions in only one NFMC Division (i.e. Junior, Student/Collegiate, or Senior) in a year.
5. NFMC winners will be asked to provide a picture and give permission for publication of their success in NFMC publications.

### LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION REQUIREMENTS:

Letters of recommendations from *two* members of the music education faculty are required. In these letters of recommendation, please:

- State an evaluation of the applicant's potential as a music educator, providing evidence of music/work experience with children/teenagers.
- Include proficiency in voice, piano, creativity, resourcefulness.
- Note ability to achieve cooperation from students, co-workers and community.
- State to what extent does the applicant have a personality that will make students of all ages love music.
- Include internship success and what has been accomplished in this area.

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Submit required materials to the NFMC website: <https://forms.nfmc-music.org/forms/>.
2. Provide a transcript of courses in music education and related subjects which will be completed at the end of the year.
3. List courses in music education required in the senior year.
4. Provide a transcript of grades made in Elementary Music Education, General Music Education, and Secondary Music Education.
5. Additional comments you wish to include about any subjects you have completed or are completing. Since this is not a "performance award" your additions will be helpful and appreciated. Include experience in ensembles, performing groups, teaching, musical honors received, etc. Describe your work/study experience with students in the past two or three years.
6. Entries must be received no later than *March 1* of the competition year.

**Note:** NFMC winners will be required to submit their social security number to the NFMC treasurer (IRS requirement)

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