

LYNN FREEMAN OLSON PEDAGOGY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD REQUIREMENTS ST 8-3

AWARD: This award, in the amount of \$5,000.00* is given to be used for a graduate study degree in piano pedagogy, and will be given biennially in odd numbered years (2021).

ENTRY FEE: \$20 (payable at www.nfmc-music.org/payment)

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN: James Schnars – 727-400-4305; 331 Cleveland St, Apt 804, Clearwater, FL 33755

ELIGIBILITY:

This award is open to applicants of all ages who hold an undergraduate degree and who are making a career in the field of piano instruction.

Applicants must evidence a minimum 3.2 GPA in undergraduate studies.

Applicants must demonstrate, through appropriate documentation (see Procedures below) an interest in and dedication to the keyboard teaching profession.

Membership in the National Federation of Music Clubs is necessary, either through a student/collegiate organization (i.e. a college/university that is a member of NFMC), a Senior Club, or as an Individual Member. If not already a member, annual student individual membership dues of \$16 can be paid at www.nfmc-music.org/payment.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: By February 1st of odd-numbered years, the following materials must be sent to the NFMC Chairman

- (1) A completed application form ST 8-1**.
- (2) Official copies of undergraduate transcripts.
- (3) Two (2) letters of recommendation from previous or current teachers (private study and/or collegiate faculty).
- (4) A statement of intent outlining a plan for graduate study. The content is to include a goal-oriented statement of career objectives and any unique qualifications, which the applicant would like to have considered.
- (5) A video recording (maximum length 30 minutes) which is to begin with the applicant presenting his/her career objectives, and conclude with a demonstration-teaching segment. The teaching segment must include one composition by Lynn Freeman Olson.

SCHEDULE

Application and supporting documentation *must be received by February 1* (the closing date) in odd numbered years. Exceptions for any reason will not be granted.

Award recipients will be notified on May 18th of the award year. At that time, the candidate will be asked to provide a copy of the official notification of acceptance for graduate study at an accredited school/college/university. The candidate will also be asked to provide evidence of NFMC membership.

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

*In the event of financial shortfalls, advertised award amounts may be adjusted. Applicants will be notified of the award change.

** Current forms must be used. No out-of-date forms will be considered for judging.