



Jane Ripkens Scholarship Fund For Music and the Arts

Qualification Criteria for the Jane Ripkens Scholarship Fund for Music and the Arts

Purpose and Nature of the Scholarship

The scholarship is presented by Jane Ripkens, former Principal of Bonnyville Centralized High School (2002-2011). Jane Ripkens served as an English Language Arts teacher and held a number of administrative positions in the Northern Lights Public Schools until her retirement in June of 2011.

Mrs. Ripkens has had a lifelong love of music, photography and the arts in general and strongly supported the development of these programs at Bonnyville Centralized High School during her tenure. In celebration of her passion for music and the arts, and her 27 years of service to students, Jane Ripkens offers an annual scholarship to a student of B.C.H.S. pursuing a recognized post secondary program in music or the arts.

Priority will be given to those applicants who are pursuing education in music or the arts with the additional intention of teaching in a public school. The annual scholarship will consist of:

- a cash award of \$500.00
- a suitable certificate

Qualification Criteria

1. Criteria:
 - a. The student must be a current graduate of Bonnyville Centralized High School and can only apply in his/her graduating year
 - b. The student must have a grade twelve average of 65% or more
 - c. The student must be entering a recognized post-secondary training and must provide proof of registration and acceptance.
 - d. The student must provide a letter of recommendation from the Principal of Bonnyville Centralized High School
 - e. The student must provide a letter of recommendation from a teacher who can attest to the talent and aptitude of the student to successfully pursue a program in music or the arts.
2. If more than one candidate achieves substantially identical performance in the Qualification Criteria included above, the award shall be given to the student intending to pursue additional studies as a teacher in the public school system. Should further differentiation be required, the award will be given to the student with the greatest financial need. If both students are still deemed to be substantially identical, the award may be evenly divided among the candidates.
3. The recipient shall satisfy the entrance requirements of the recognized post-secondary institution. If the student is not immediately attending this institution, he/she shall have until one year from their graduation to satisfy this requirement. If this is the case, payment of the scholarship shall be held in trust by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Northern Lights Public Schools for a period not to exceed one year from their graduation until post-secondary attendance can be confirmed.
4. Submission for consideration of this award should be made no later than June 15th of the student's graduating year. The winner will be notified by mail and the award made at the annual awards night in September.

APPLICATION FORM
Jane Ripkens Scholarship Fund for Music and the Arts

Full Name: _____

Date of Application: _____

Phone Contact: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address:

Name of post-secondary institution to which you have been accepted:

Date your program starts _____

Remember to attach:

- an Official transcript of high school marks from Alberta Education
- a letter of acceptance from the accredited post-secondary institution
- two or three paragraphs describing yourself, your aspirations, goals, and financial needs
- a letter of recommendation by the Principal of BCBS and a teacher which can attest to your talent and aptitude to successfully pursue a program in music or the arts.

Mail or email the entire application package to:

Associate Superintendent – Teaching and Learning
Northern Lights Public Schools
6005 – 50th Avenue
Bonnyville, AB T9N 2L4

Email: learning.services@nlsd.ab.ca