

## **St. Stephen's United Methodist Church Music Scholarship Program**

The mission of St. Stephen's United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We believe that through radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk taking mission, and extravagant generosity we can live out our mission.

In doing so, St. Stephen's promotes passionate worship through the solid investment in our music ensembles as well as radical hospitality as we welcome and foster the education of local students studying and/or pursuing degrees in music. At St. Stephen's, the love of choral and instrumental music is evident through their wide use in our corporate worship and in mission. We will award a variety of scholarships each semester to local college students majoring in music, music education, or music performance and/or to area high school seniors planning to major in vocal or instrumental music who currently take private lessons. We are thrilled that you are interested in pursuing a musical career and welcome your participation in our scholarship competition and our music ensembles.

Below are requirements, deadlines, and participation instructions.

1. Complete the attached Scholarship Application. Your choir/orchestra/band director or private studio teacher must sign the form for your application to be considered.
2. Have your director or teacher complete the Director's Evaluation and mail it to St. Stephen's UMC. The Director's Evaluation must be postmarked no later than September 12, 2008.
3. Your application and evaluation must be postmarked no later than September 12, 2008.
4. Once your application is received and reviewed, you will be contacted by a Scholarship Committee Member to confirm your interest and answer any questions you have about the audition.
5. All auditions will be held from September 2, 2008 – September 12, 2008. You will be contacted regarding an audition day and time.
  - a. You must provide your own accompanist for your audition.
  - b. Singers should be prepared to perform two classical, contemporary, or musical theatre pieces of contrasting styles. The pieces that you choose should be those that best display your musical abilities. Instrumentalists should be prepared to play one piece, one etude, and any requested major scale.
  - c. Please dress appropriately for auditions. Dresses are appropriate for women; men should wear a sport coat or suit and a tie.
  - d. A panel of three judges will evaluate the auditions and application information to determine the scholarship winner(s) after all auditions have been completed.
6. The scholarship winner(s) will be notified within one week of the auditions. Those not receiving scholarships will receive a written letter within one week following the audition. A meeting of the winner with the St. Stephen's Director of Music Ministries will be set up to review commitments and the semester's calendar. The winner will receive a formal letter announcing the competition results within a week.
7. The scholarship winner(s) will be required to rehearse and perform for one semester with the appropriate ensemble. The winner may also be featured as a soloist in worship once throughout each semester.
8. The scholarship check will be mailed directly to the private instructor or financial aid offices at the college the winner attends.

NOTES:

- If you are unsure of your exact college major, please list the two most likely choices.
- If you wish to provide additional information about your musical accomplishments, you may attach your own pages.
- If you have any questions about the application or audition, please email us at [music@ststephensfairfax.org](mailto:music@ststephensfairfax.org)

Please submit all documents—application and director’s evaluation—to the following address (postmarked no later than September 12, 2008):

Ryan W. Fitch, Director of Music Ministries  
SSUMC Music Scholarship  
9203 Braddock Road  
Burke, VA 22015-1613

**St. Stephen's United Methodist Church  
Music Scholarship Program  
APPLICATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parents \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

College \_\_\_\_\_

Intended or Declared Major \_\_\_\_\_

Choir/Orchestra/Band Director or Private Studio Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Years in School you have participated in choir/orchestra/band \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years in private lessons (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument(s) and/or voice part \_\_\_\_\_

Ensemble in which you desire to participate at St. Stephen's

- Chancel Choir     Orchestra     Director of Children's/Youth Choir     Source Band

(See reverse)

Please indicate your musical achievements below:

Honor Choirs: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Choirs: \_\_\_\_\_

Soloist for any Major Works: \_\_\_\_\_

Musical Theatre Productions: \_\_\_\_\_

Roles: \_\_\_\_\_

Musical Competitions you participated in: \_\_\_\_\_

Place or score \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any other musical accomplishments \_\_\_\_\_

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Choir/Orchestra/Band Director or Private Studio Teacher's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Submit this application along with your transcript and your director's evaluation to  
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SSUMC Music Scholarship  
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Applications must be postmarked by September 12, 2008.

**St. Stephen's United Methodist Church  
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DIRECTOR REFERENCE/EVALUATION**

The following St. Stephen's Music Scholarship applicant has requested that you submit an evaluation on his or her behalf. **Send completed Evaluation Form, postmarked by September 12, 2008 to:**

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SSUMC Music Scholarship  
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Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant: please check one of the following:

- I waive my right of access to this evaluation.
- I do not waive my right of access to this evaluation.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

To be completed by the Choir/Orchestra/Band Director or private studio teacher:

Category	Superior	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Comments
Musical talent						
Musical achievement						
Willingness to learn new things						
Ability to complete work in a timely manner						
Potential as a solo performer						
Potential for a music career						
Personal character						
Dependability/Responsibility						
Leadership Skills						
Piano Skills						
Ability to work well with others						
Willingness to take direction from others						
Neatness and Organization						

The director/reference may attach a letter of recommendation to this evaluation if he or she desires to provide additional comments or further explanation of the information provided above.

**Director/Reference Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_