



The Gwen M. Baker “Joy of Music” Scholarship

In 2008, the Fremont Music Boosters awarded Gwen M. Baker with a pleasant surprise by establishing a scholarship in her honor after retiring from 33 years of teaching music. Gwen’s first love of music started at the age of five when she was taught by her father how to play “My Happiness” on the accordion and then proceeded to study piano. Gwen was involved in both band and music at Hamilton High School, where she graduated in 1961.

Throughout her career, Gwen has played piano for the “Family of God” gospel singers, directed the Fremont Community Clinkers band, taught General Music at the MSD of Steuben County from 1965-1966, directed the K-12 Choral program, the 4-12 bands, and General Music K-4 at Fremont Community Schools from 1966-2008 and directed the Steuben County Community Theatre Orchestra for many production from 2000-2002.

Through the sponsorship of the scholarship, Gwen and the Fremont Music Boosters would like to say “thank you” to all who have been given strength, courage and hope to enhance their life through the study of music, the arts, dance, theatre, music therapy and/or ministry.

“I have been proud and humbled to have experienced such an exciting and rewarding career. It is my desire that your passion for music shine throughout your life and world. I wish you well. God bless!”

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is held by the
Steuben County Community Foundation.
1701 N. Wayne Street
Angola, IN 46703
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Requirements:

- The recipient must have attended Fremont High School and can be a traditional student (high school graduating senior) or a student enrolled in college.
- The recipient(s) must have been involved in four semesters of band or choir during their high school career.
- Selection of the recipient will be based on financial need.
- Recipient may attend any institution of higher education pursuing a bachelor’s degree in the field of education, the humanities or the arts.
- Attachments requested must be provided with the application.

Selection Committee:

Selection of recipient will be made by representatives of the Gwen M. Baker Family, Fremont High School music instructor (s), Fremont Music Boosters, and the Steuben County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee. (A minimum of three representatives are needed to make the decision)

Award

- The amount of the scholarship award will be determined each year and will be paid out of the distributable earnings per the Fund Agreement.
- The scholarship will be paid directly to the institution of higher learning the student is attending and may be used for tuition, books, supplies, room and board, and other school related expenses.

Miscellaneous

- If the student fails to attend as planned, the scholarship money will be returned to the Steuben County Community Foundation to be deposited in the Gwen M. Baker “Joy of Music” Scholarship fund, or an alternate may be awarded the scholarship.
- Modifications to the criteria listed above may be made at the request of and with the approval of the Fremont High School music instructors, Fremont Music Boosters, or the Gwen M. Baker family and as approved by the Steuben County Community Foundation.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 15 OF THE CURRENT YEAR

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Scholarship Application

Please print

Name: _____
 (First) (Middle) (Last)

Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Email address: _____

Father's Name: _____ Employed At: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Employed At: _____

How many brothers and sisters live in the home with you? _____

Of these, how many are in college/tech school? _____

List college/university where you have been accepted. Indicate your course of study.

FINANCIAL DATA (one year only)

<i>Estimated School Expenses</i>		<i>Resources</i>	
Tuition	\$	Total Annual Household Income	\$
Room & Board	\$	Total Annual Student Income	\$
Books & Fees	\$	Savings & Investments (Parents & Students)**	\$
Transportation	\$	Grants/ scholarships received	\$
Personal Expenses	\$	Other	
Total Cost	\$	Total Income	\$

** 401K, pensions, and other retirement plans are not applicable.

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How do you intend to pay for your four years of college? Please list anticipated expenses and how they will be paid.

Write a brief paragraph expressing your reasons for choosing your field of study.

Please record noteworthy accomplishments and community involvement below including honors, activities, and awards for high school, community, church or civic:

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Attachments:

- 1) **A minimum of two statements from present or former teachers must be provided. Please attach to application.**
- 2) **Copy of school transcripts.**
- 3) **Please attach to the application an essay, no longer than one page, answering the question, "Why do you want to pursue a career in education, the arts, or music related field? What influenced your decision?"**

Certification

I certify that all the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my (our) knowledge. If asked by the Steuben County Community Foundation, I (we) agree to give documentation for information given on this form. Further, I certify that I meet the intent of the scholarship fund for which I have applied as stated in their guidelines

Applicant Signature

(Date)

Parent (or spouse) signature

(Date)

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