

Ellen Wilber Scholarship Proposal

Intent

The intent of the Ellen Wilber Scholarship is to award a \$500.00 scholarship to a hard-working teen cast, crew, or orchestra member who is pursuing an undergraduate degree in either music, music education, or another music-related field. The Scholarship will honor Ellen Wilber and the 18 years of hard work she has dedicated to the NCCT teen program.

Eligibility

Applicants must be current high-school seniors who have been part of the cast, stage crew, or orchestra of at least one NCCT Teen production during their high school career. Applicants must also plan on pursuing an undergraduate degree in music (instrumental or voice), music education, or another music-related field.

Scholarship Process

- 1) The Applicant must fill out the Scholarship Application form that will be posted on the NCCT website. A proposed application is attached.
- 2) The Applicant must submit an essay that describes their experience in NCCT and how it has helped them grow musically.
- 3) Applications will be due on May 1 for consideration this year (2011).
- 4) Applications will be due annually on April 1 for board consideration for 2012 and after.

Selection Committee

The selection committee will comprise of 5 members: 3 (non-teen) members of the NCCT board and 2 members of the general membership who do not have children applying for the scholarship. The committee will convene outside of scheduled board meetings and decide on a recipient. The decision will be presented to the board as a whole for approval.

Criteria for Selection

The recipient will be chosen based on his or her demonstration of a continued pursuit of musical knowledge in his or her primary performance area. The recipient should present as a serious music student for whom music is a potential vocation and not just an avocation. The recipient must fit all requirements for eligibility. This scholarship is not intended to be need-based, nor academic.

Sustainability

The Ellen Wilber Scholarship fund will be started by donations (with already \$3,175.00 pledged) and will be sustained by both the NCCT Teen Governance Group who will

dedicate at least one fundraiser (car wash, hockey game, pancake breakfast, etc.) annually to the fund and any future earmarked donations from benefactors. Money for the scholarship shall be kept in a separate account, such as a one year Certificate of Deposit that will terminate annually on an appropriate date to allow for a withdrawal of \$500.00 to be given to the recipient. This will also ensure that the funds are not spent on other organization expenses and will be able to collect interest at more significant rates. Interest gained from a CD will be added to the scholarship fund itself. Any year, if there is not enough money left in the account to fund the full \$500.00 scholarship, the value will be reduced until enough money is generated to produce a regular, \$500.00 scholarship. In addition, the scholarship will come before the board once every 5 years for review.

Date_____

APPLICATION FOR ELLEN WILBER SCHOLARSHIP

1. Personal Information

Name:

Last:		First:	
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Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yyyy)

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Address:

(##) Street:	
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City:		State:		Zip Code:	
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Phone:

Home:	
Cell:	

2. Education

High School:

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Higher Education Plans:

College (if known):	
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Anticipated Major	
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3. North Country Community Theatre

Please list all NCCT productions in which you have been involved and what role/job you performed.

Name of Show	Involvement (role, tech, orchestra, etc.)

4. Music Resume

Attach a music resume. Please include 1) formal music education, 2) private lessons and master classes, 3) list of primary instruments and number of years played, 4) concert/performance experiences, 5) musical honors and awards, and 6) other musically related experience.

5. Personal Statement

Please attach a typed essay (minimum 500 words) explaining what NCCT has meant to you and how has it helped you grow as a musician/performer. How you would use the Ellen Wilber Scholarship to benefit your future?