Fergus Falls Concert Association 2026 Music Performance Scholarship - \$1,000

Purpose

To recognize and promote music performance potential in area high school students.

Method

To award reimbursement up to \$1000 for vocal or instrumental private lessons, workshops, camps, or an instrument purchase or upgrade, or other music education purposes.

Requirements

Is a freshman, sophomore, or junior in the Fergus Falls area.

Area includes Fergus Falls High School, Hillcrest Lutheran Academy, Underwood High School, Battle Lake High School, Elbow Lake (West Central High School), Ashby High School, Pelican Rapids High School, Rothsay High School, or home-schooled students living in one of these districts.

Has displayed accomplishment and potential in instrumental or vocal performance.

Has demonstrated a willingness to share his/her musical talents in his/her school or community.

Is a role model to other student musicians in performance, dedication, and cooperation.

After being selected, the recipient must provide a receipt for the approved purchase/activity to be reimbursed. The receipt(s) should be <u>mailed no later than May 1, 2027, to: Fergus Falls Concert Association, PO 711, Fergus Falls, MN 56538.</u> The recipient will perform two or three numbers during the Concert Association's Fall membership drive kick-off meeting (usually held in late August).

Directions

Complete the application. Present your reference form with an envelope to a reference (teacher or community member) that is best able to evaluate your past performance and future potential for musical improvement, performance opportunities, and enjoyment.

After your reference has completed the form, he/she must return it to you in a sealed envelope. You must mail the completed reference form with your application by the date specified, to the address on the application.

Selection

A committee of the Fergus Falls Concert Association board will review all applications and select one recipient based on the application and possible consultation with the named reference.

| Fergus Falls Concert Association Scholarship Application Form (Please print legibly or type) | |
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| Name of ap | plicant: |
| Applicant P | Preferred phone number: |
| Name of ap | plicant's parent(s): |
| Parent Add | ress and preferred phone number: |
| School Curi | rently Attending: |
| Current gra | de in school (9 th , 10 th , or 11 th): |
| Reference (| Name, Address, Phone): |
| Reference's | relationship to applicant: (Teacher, Community Member, Other) |
| Applicant: | Please write a brief paragraph or two describing your past musical contributions to your school and community, the purpose for which this scholarship would be used, and how that use would enhance your musical performance, contribution, and enjoyment in the coming years. |
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Mail your completed application and reference form to: Scholarship Committee, Fergus Falls Concert Association, PO Box 711, Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0711.

All applications and references must be completed and postmarked on or before March 6, 2026. No late or incomplete applications will be considered.

Fergus Falls Concert Association Scholarship Reference Form

(*Please print legibly or type*)

| Applicant Name: |
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| Reference name: |
| Contact information (phone number and/or email address) for further information, if needed: |
| Reference's comments and endorsements: |
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Once completed, please return your comments to the applicant in the sealed envelope he/she has provided for you.

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Your comments will be viewed by the Scholarship Committee only and held in confidence. After the committee has chosen the winning applicant, all applications will be destroyed. Only the winning applicant's personal paragraphs will be shared with the Fergus Falls Concert Association board. Thank you for your assistance and your candor.

The Fergus Falls Concert Association Scholarship Committee