**Susan C. Johnson Music Award – Canal Winchester High School**

Scholarship Guidelines

2016

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| **Scholarship Background** | |
|  | Susan Catherine Johnson was born in Columbus on February 7, 1943, daughter of the late Edwin C. and Helen C. Johnson. She chose to learn how to play the flute in 5th grade at Groveport Madison, under the direction of Mr. Philip Heffner. She continued playing her flute at Groveport Madison, under the direction of Mr. Lawrence Gillum and took private lessons from Joyce Troutman. Susan’s family moved to Canal Winchester and she continued to embrace the flute. She participated in various competitions and upon graduating from Canal Winchester went on to major in music at The Ohio State University and was awarded the Oley Speaks Scholarship. This scholarship was established by Oley Speaks, who was born in Canal Winchester and had a successful career as a singer and composer. After college she began teaching in the Reynoldsburg school system. Her career ended when she retired from the Reynoldsburg City School system after teaching 45 years. She has continued to support the arts in school by providing funding, on a yearly basis, for an arts performance at Herbert Mills Elementary. Her desire, now, is to provide a scholarship for students who have completed their education in Groveport Madison, Canal Winchester, or Reynoldsburg City Schools and are committed to majoring in music. |
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| **Eligibility Criteria** | |
|  | * Candidates must be a graduating high school senior of a Canal Winchester High School. * Candidates must have been involved with the music program as a member of a band, orchestra, chorus, or who plays the piano. * Candidates must have participated in an adjudicated Ohio Music Association event and demonstrated success in a solo, ensemble, or band event at the local or state level * Candidates must plan to attend a four-year music program in performance or music education in Ohio. * Candidates must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. |
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| **Selection Criteria** | |
|  | * 50% Evidence of Superior Musical Achievement in Performance * 50% Evidence of Commitment to a Career in Music |
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| **Payment Distribution** All awards are paid directly to the educational institution. | |
|  | The scholarship may be used for any educational expenses. |
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| **Selection Committee** | |
|  | Three representatives of Canal Winchester High School designated by the superintendent or designee. |
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| **Application Requirements** | |
|  | * Application Form * Essay returned to the Foundation with recipient information   + How did I first become involved in music?   + How have I grown from my experiences in music thus far?   + Why do I want to continue my study in music? * Any other application requirements determined by the high school. |
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| **Renewal** | |
|  | The scholarship is not renewable. |
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| **Award Amount** | |
|  | $2,500 |
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| **Contact Information** | |
|  | Alicia Szempruch  Scholarship Manager  The Columbus Foundation  [scholarshipmanager@columbusfoundation.org](mailto:scholarshipmanager@columbusfoundation.org)  Dana Stearns  Guidance Counselor  Canal Winchester High School  [dstearns@cwls.us](mailto:dstearns@cwls.us)  Todd Phillips  Performing Arts Director  Canal Winchester High School  [tphillips@cwls.us](mailto:tphillips@cwls.us)  Chad McGee  Director of Bands  Canal Winchester High School  [cmcgee@cwls.us](mailto:cmcgee@cwls.us) |
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| **Deadline** | |
|  | The deadline is determined by Canal Winchester High School. |
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| **Application and Award Process** | |
|  | * At the beginning of the calendar year, The Columbus Foundation sends a letter to contacts at Canal Winchester High School to notify them of the availability of the scholarship. * Prior to graduation, Canal Winchester High School will notify the Foundation of the recipient, including the following information.   + Salutation, First Name, Last Name, Address, Phone, Email, Date of Birth * The Foundation will send the recipient an award letter that includes an explanation of how to request payment, and a request to meet with the donor. * If possible, the student and the donor will be able to meet. * Once enrollment is verified, the scholarship check will be sent to the student’s educational institution and a letter will be sent to the donor. |
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| **Other** | |
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