

Report from the Ad Hoc committee on the Gordon and Helen King Music Education Scholarship Award

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Former FSMTA President, Helen King, has given funds to FSMTF for the establishment and endowment of a new annual scholarship award which will benefit a student who is pursuing a college degree in music education. Committee members are FSMTA President Marc Hebda, FSMTF President Paulette Kilts, and VicePresident for FSMTA Competitive Events, Mary Seal.

After speaking with Helen King, and learning about what she envisions for the award, the committee members met together on May 14, 2010 to see how we might put this into practice. Below is a summary of the criteria:

Gordon and Helen King College Music Education Scholarship Award

This award is given to a student pursuing a Music Education degree and in need of financial assistance.

Student eligibility:

Any student who is completing sophomore or junior year pursuing a Music Education degree, and will be studying during the next term in a Florida college or university. Student does not need to be a Florida resident.

Application process -

Student must complete -

application including info on year in college, principal instrument, name of college they will attend during the next term, name of teacher recommending them, college associations affiliation-presentations made

a written essay incorporating the following topics -
what excites you about music education,
why they chose a music education degree,
plans after BME completion and any special financial considerations

Student must provide - letter of recommendation from an active FSMTA teacher with whom they study
- letter of financial need from their college or university (for verification only)

Student must submit completed application and letter or recommendation to the King Scholarship award chairman.

Application deadline - coincide with State Competitive events day deadline

Selection process -

Three judges appointed by King Scholarship award chairman will make the selection. None of the judges should be faculty from a college that has an applicant.

The cash award will be presented to the winner during the State Competitive events day awards ceremony. The check will be written to the institution the winner will be attending during the next term.

For Executive Board information only:

The scholarship will be announced through the state newsletter, on the website and by email to college faculty members.