**RUTH EKSTROM MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP**

**CRITERIA**

established by the Newman Grove Schools and the Ruth Ekstrom Family

1. Current-year Newman Grove High School seniors pursuing a career through any university, community college or technical school and majoring in music.

2. The scholarship will be awarded annually during the graduation exercises. The current year’s scholarship will be awarded in an amount TBD.

3. An application form, developed by the school district, will be provided to those seniors requesting the application form from the Guidance Counselor. Included in the application will be information relative to grade point average, school and community activities, a narrative outlining future plans, how the scholarship will benefit the applicant and reasons why the applicant is deserving of the scholarship.

4. Scholarship application forms are due to the Guidance Counselor no later than April 1st of each year.

5. The scholarship selection committee will be comprised of a sub-committee the Newman Grove Public Schools Bluejay Foundation Board of Directors, selected annually, who are not directly related to the applicants. Selection will be made as soon as possible after the April 1st application deadline.

6. The selection committee will take into consideration the student’s work ethic and personal integrity, as well as academic achievement and activity involvement.

7. The Ruth Ekstrom Music Scholarship will be acknowledged at graduation Commencement Exercises and at the annual Alumni Banquet.

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Due Date: April 1st

Applicant’s Name:

Complete the following questions:

1. Current G.P.A. (at the end of the first semester of the senior year):

2. List school activities in which you are involved. Be specific - list offices held, awards and recognition earned, etc.

3. List non-school activities (community, church, etc.) in which you are involved. Be specific - list offices held, awards and recognition earned, etc.

4. Outline your future plans in the area of music.

5. Write a short essay detailing your reasons for pursuing a degree in the area of music.

6. Write a brief essay, detailing how the Ruth Ekstrom Music Scholarship will be of benefit to you and why you are deserving of the scholarship.