



is pleased to announce the

Marian Settle Memorial Music Scholarship

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The Community Foundation administers a variety of charitable funds. Recognizing the importance of scholarships, especially with decreasing dollars for education at the federal level and increasing educational costs for students, the Foundation is pleased to administer the Marian Settle Memorial Music Scholarship Fund, which is described below.

The Marian Settle Memorial Music Scholarship Fund

The Marian Settle Memorial Music Scholarship was established in 2015 to honor the memory and musical legacy of Marian Settle: beloved wife, mother, and educator. Mrs. Settle, a native of Lyons, New York, graduated from the University of Rochester's Eastman School of Music in 1943. After graduating, she chose to start her professional life in St. Johnsville, where she would share her gifts with local school districts and with her church.

Mrs. Settle's passions were her family and her students. She realized that music was a gift that she could give to others, and she passionately used that gift to bring joy to the lives of children. In addition to operating a family farm with her husband Harold, Mrs. Settle served as a music educator in Schoharie, Little Falls, St. Johnsville and Canajoharie. She had a way of making her students feel special and acknowledged by incorporating each student's name into a song and singing it with them at the beginning of class. She helped make music a main part of the curriculum in the rural school districts in which she worked.

Known for her beautiful soprano singing voice, Marian performed at weddings, concerts and churches across the Mohawk Valley, from Utica to Schenectady. She was also a gifted pianist. In addition to playing the organ in her church for 50 years, she accompanied the school chorus and young musicians during their all-county and all-state musical performances. She also loved serving as Director for the Junior and Senior Choirs in her church, and leading the annual musical activities for Vacation Bible Schools.

In her 35-year career as an educator, Mrs. Settle touched many lives and shared her joy, kindness and enthusiasm for music with countless students. This scholarship is intended to support a student from Fulton, Montgomery or Schoharie counties planning to study music or music education at a two- or four-year institution. Consideration will also be given to students pursuing a career in education with plans to continue their musical activities.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Applicant must be a graduating senior of a high school in Fulton, Montgomery or Schoharie counties.
2. Applicant must be planning to study music or music education. Consideration will also be given to students pursuing a career in education with plans to continue their musical activities.
3. Applicant must demonstrate participation in music-related activities in their community and/or school
4. Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 80.
5. Applicant must have been accepted to either a two or four year college or university.

Selection Process:

1. All scholarship applications must be completed in full and submitted to The Community Foundation for the Capital Region by **March 14, 2016**.
2. Scholarship recipients will be notified in early May.

Scholarship Fund Disbursement:

A scholarship of **\$1,000** will be paid directly to the college or university at which the scholarship recipient has been accepted or is attending. Award money will be deposited with the college to cover tuition and fees, books, instructional supplies, or living expenses.

Application Procedures:

1. In addition to Parts I and II of the application, the following information is required:
 - a. A resume – including musical activities, community service, extra curricular activities, honors/awards/recognition within the school and outside of school, work history.
 - b. The applicant's Educational History, from the first year of high school to the date of application. This should be evidenced by school certificates signed by the proper school authority showing courses taken and grades received.
 - c. A copy of the letter of acceptance from the applicant's college or university should be submitted with the application if possible, or immediately upon receipt of such acceptance.
 - d. Two letters of endorsement from persons, other than family, who have had an opportunity to personally observe the applicant and who can comment on the applicant's musical capabilities and general character.
 - e. Applicants are encouraged (but not required) to include an audition tape with their application.
2. Parts I and II of the application, as well as the Educational History, must be submitted to the Community Foundation as one packet.
3. The applicant should complete Part I of the application by typing or printing all answers.
4. Part II, an original essay, should be no more than 500 words. If possible, the essay should be typed and double-spaced. The applicant's name should appear on each page.
5. The application must be completed in full and submitted by **March 14, 2016**. Applications that are not complete will not be eligible for review.
6. Completed applications should be submitted to:

**The Marian Settle Memorial Music Scholarship
c/o The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region
Six Tower Place, Albany, NY 12203**



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PART I

Personal/Educational Information

Student's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Cell or Home Phone Number: _____

Father/Guardian Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother/Guardian Name: _____ Occupation: _____

High School(s) attended (ninth through twelfth grades):

Name of School	Date of Entrance	Grades Attended
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Date of Graduation: _____

List of accredited colleges or universities applicant has applied to, or been accepted in, in order of preference:

Name of College or University	City and State
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Course of study applicant will pursue: _____

Please describe any circumstances, financial, personal, academic or other experiences not reflected in your essay or resume that you would like the committee to take into consideration when evaluating your application:

PART II

Please include an essay with your application package. The essay should be no more than 500 words, typed and double spaced. In the essay, please write about the person or people who inspired your love of music and how you plan to inspire others through your musical gifts.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____