

## THE BETTY HEMMERT SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

*Betty Hemmert, a charter member of the Mills Brothers Scholarship Committee, was an accomplished pianist and a talented voice teacher. She first came to Piqua in 1945 to teach music at Wilder Junior High School and Piqua Central High School. After her marriage to Piquad, Fritz Hemmert, she began to teach piano privately while rearing their five children: Terri, Rick, Bill, Julie and Joanie (now deceased)*

*Hemmert was organist and choir director for several churches in the area, and she directed the quartet at the Jewish Temple. She was the founder and director of the Piqua Community Chorus, was organist for hundreds for weddings, and acted as musical director for Piqua Players. Hemmert was also director of two different groups who entertained at different community functions: the Skylarks, a girls vocal ensemble in the 1940's; and the Silhouettes, a girl's trio in the 1970's.*

*Although she had been teaching a few private voice lessons for many years, by the late 1970's Hemmert's teaching load began to increase, and from 1985 until her retirement in 1999, she was teaching as many as 30 students a year from both Piqua and Lehman Catholic High Schools. Her students were highly successful in Ohio Music Education Association contests and on the high school stage. She was a volunteer vocal coach and accompanist for Lehman's musicals from 1979 until she retired.*

- ◆ This scholarship is intended to be presented to a resident in the City of Piqua who is currently a high school senior seeking enrollment in an accredited college or other post high school institution. The student is required to reside in the 45356-zip code upon high school graduation. The student must show that he or she has made a significant contribution to the performing arts during their high school years. They should demonstrate that during the four years spent in high school that they had a musical achievement, were committed to various high school musicals or served on the musical committees.
- ◆ The scholarship will not be renewed. The committee intends to grant a scholarship each year; however, if the committee determines there are no qualified candidates, the scholarship will not be granted.
- ◆ Students shall complete the application form provided by the Scholarship Committee.
- ◆ A Selection Committee appointed by the Chairperson of the Betty Hemmert Scholarship Committee will select the scholarship recipient. The Selection committee will review all the scholarship student's qualifications, applications, academic transcripts and essays. The Selection Committee will also conduct an oral interview. The Selection Committee reserves the right to limit the number of oral interviews.
- ◆ The Selection Committee shall have the authority to select an area student who shall meet the following requirements:
  - Academic Achievement/Extracurricular – To qualify, a student must have achieved at least a “B” average or equivalent. The student must show evidence of academic achievement in all course work, and excellence and involvement in extracurricular activities with the emphasis on performing arts activities. Applicants must submit a copy of applicable grade reports and a resume' with the application.
  - Essay – All students will submit a one-page typewritten, single-spaced essay clearly stating their future plans in college. The student should explain why he or she should be selected for this scholarship.
  - Need—Cost of the educational program selected by the student and his or her ability to pay may be considered but will be the last consideration by the committee in making selection of the scholarship.

The scholarship will be made jointly to the student and his or her school of choice and given to the student. After jointly endorsing the check, the student should make sure the funds are credited to his or her appropriate school tuition account.

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- Please answer every question fully. Attach supplemental sheets wherever the space is insufficient.
- Please include copies of your academic record.
- Applications must include a completed essay and a resume' of experience in music-related fields.
- Finalists will be required to submit to a personal interview.
- The primary criteria for award of this scholarship is the student's significant contribution to the performing arts during their high school years. Secondary considerations are academic and extracurricular excellence. Financial need is the last consideration given in the selection process.
- Each applicant should submit at least two (2) references with supporting letters addressing the applicant's unique qualities, special talents, or exceptional abilities in the fields of performing arts.
- See attached criteria.

**Applications and Letters of Recommendation must be received by the Piqua Area Chamber of Commerce, 326 N. Main Street, P.O. Box 1142, Piqua, Ohio 45356 by 5:00pm on March 28, 2024.**



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**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

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Applicant's Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
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Address (Street, City, State, Zip)	Telephone Number
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**The Betty Hemmert Scholarship Committee**  
**326 N. Main Street**  
**P. O. Box 1142**  
**Piqua, Ohio 45356**

**Application Deadline: 5:00pm on March 28, 2024**

**Letters of Recommendation are not to be written by relatives of the applicant.**

**To The Student:**

You have the right to see the contents of this Letter of Recommendation after it is filed. If you wish, you may waive, or give us, this right. Please indicate below whether you wish to have access to this Letter of Recommendation. If you indicate that you do not, you are agreeing to waive your legal right of access to this document.

I, the Applicant, DO or DO NOT (circle one) wish to have access to this Letter of Recommendation after it is filed.

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Applicant's Signature	Date
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**To the Recommendation Writer:**

The person named above is making application to the Betty Hemmert Scholarship. The primary criteria for award of this scholarship is the student's significant contribution to the performing arts during their high school years. Secondary considerations are academic and extracurricular excellence. Financial need is the last consideration given in the selection process.

The Selection Committee is looking for comments that will help distinguish this student from others in the competition – unique qualities, special talents, or exceptional ability. Specific examples of the student's strengths are more helpful than broad statements. Because the committee already will have the student's academic records, you need not include specific academic information with this form.

Please write a personal letter and attach it to this form. Thank you for your input.

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Name	Relationship to Student
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Address and Telephone Number

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Signature	Date
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**THE BETTY HEMMERT SCHOLARSHIP**  
**APPLICATION**

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Full Name

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Home Address (In 45356 Zip Code)

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Home Telephone

School Telephone

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Proposed Major Field of Study

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College

Scholastic Honors (Briefly describe the qualifications for each):

Briefly describe musical/performance honors and activities (scholastic and extracurricular):

List your interests/hobbies:

What is the estimated annual cost of college:

Tuition \_\_\_\_\_

Books and Supplies \_\_\_\_\_

Other (Including transportation) \_\_\_\_\_

How much do your parents feel they can contribute towards your college education? \_\_\_\_\_

How much have you saved for college? \_\_\_\_\_

How much money will you receive while at college through employment? \_\_\_\_\_

How much money will you receive while at college through grants and aid? \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS FINANCIAL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL**

Attach a one page, single-spaced, type-written essay that clearly states your future plans in college. Explain why you should be selected for this scholarship.

Also attach a resume' of experience in the performing arts related fields.

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Applicant's Signature

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Date