

Information

JANE THOMAS MEMORIAL PIANO SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

This award is made possible by a donation from the family of Katherine Nebergall, whose mother was the late Jane Thomas of Albany, Oregon. Jane Thomas was a piano teacher beloved by her peers and students. She taught piano for fifty years in Albany, and was a faithful member of OMTA. Her contributions to her profession were significant to the growth of OMTA in the Albany/Corvallis area. The family of Jane Thomas has directed that this award will be used to benefit piano students who need help financially. They must be studying with a member of OMTA. It is to be a non-audition scholarship based on need, dedication to learning, and the student's willingness to share talents in their community. Piano teachers who have such students are encouraged to apply for this event. The award is administered by the OMTA State Education Committee. This grant must be renewed annually. It can be used for purchasing materials and paying fees, such as for Syllabus Evaluations, festivals, etc., and for payment of lessons. It is strongly suggested and hoped that the teacher applying for this award will be helping the student by giving the lessons on a scholarship or partial scholarship, if at all possible. This will be a consideration in choosing award recipients.

The application will ask for information as to financial need and the student's serious intent to study and practice diligently, with evidence that the student will continue lessons throughout his or her schooling years. After a year has passed, the teachers of the award winners will be asked to submit an update on how the award has benefited the student, with a description of the efforts and progress made and how the money was spent. The applications will be kept strictly confidential. Applications will be forwarded to the OMTA State Education Committee for consideration. Award money will be presented to the OMTA State Education Chair at the Convention as other awards are presented to scholarship winners. The identity of the recipients will not be made public. The money then will be forwarded to the requesting teacher from the Education Chair.

The deadline for applying for this award is May 31. The family of Jane Thomas prefers that all earnings on this fund be awarded annually, and not reinvested in the fund.