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Instructions to Jewish Students Applying for a
Karen Sokolof Javitch Merit Music Scholarship
Academic Year 2020-2021

This application is for a merit scholarship for a Jewish student from the Omaha metropolitan area who is currently pursuing a degree in music performance, composition or music education at a college, university or music conservatory. **This scholarship is not based on financial need, but is in recognition of musical and personal achievements, overall good character, scholastic performance, and community service.** An applicant (or his/her family if the student has been attending college outside Omaha) must have resided in the Omaha metropolitan area for at least the past two years.

**Your application form must be received by the Sokolof Scholarship Coordinator by March 2, 2020. You are responsible for seeing that all documentation and references are received by that date.**

1. Complete the application form. Please print legibly in black ink in all areas that do not require typed responses. Attach additional sheets, **with your name at the top**, where necessary.
2. **Sign the application** (page 3) and submit it to the Sokolof Scholarship Coordinator at the address above prior to March 2, 2020.
3. Arrange for your college/university transcripts from all institutions since high school to be sent to the Sokolof Scholarship Coordinator at the address above prior to March 2, 2020.
4. Give a recommendation form to each person you have selected. Remember to complete the top of the confidential form with your signature for your voluntary waiver to access the recommendation. If you are downloading your application form from the internet, you will need to print three recommendation forms.

Please give a recommendation form to three people (not family members). At least one must be from a faculty member at your college/university who is familiar with your dedication to the musical field. Other recommendations may be from someone you worked with in a volunteer or employment setting, clergy, or anyone who can attest to your personal character and/or academic/musical abilities. These forms are confidential. Please sign the waiver on each form.

The people submitting recommendations must return their forms by **March 2, 2020** to the Sokolof Scholarship Coordinator, Jewish Federation of Omaha Foundation, 333 S. 132nd Street, Omaha, NE 68154. In order to facilitate the timely return of your recommendations, it is advisable to attach to each recommendation form a legal-size, stamped envelope, addressed to the Sokolof Scholarship Coordinator.

You may call Janet Henthorn, Sokolof Scholarship Coordinator, at 402.334.6551 or email her at jhenthorn@jewishomaha.org with any questions.

**While the deadline is March 2, 2020, earlier submissions are encouraged.**
The recipients of the Sokolof Scholarships will be notified by March 31, 2020.
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This application is due by March 2, 2020 to the above address. Late application or application with late supporting documentation will not be accepted. Scholarships will be awarded by the Sokolof Scholarship Committee of the Jewish Federation of Omaha Foundation.

**General Information**

How long have you lived in the Omaha Metropolitan Area? ________________________________

Anticipated Graduation Date ________________________________

Date of application ____________ Age ____________ Date of birth ____________

Name ____________________________ Last ____________ First ____________ Middle ____________

Mailing Address ____________________________ Street ____________ City ____________ State ____________ Zip ____________

Email ________________________________

Phone number ________________________________ Cell ________________________________

Mother’s name ________________________________

Address ________________________________ If different from student

Father’s name ________________________________

Address ________________________________ If different from student
Transcripts

You must request that an official copy of your college/university transcript be sent to the Sokolof Scholarship Coordinator, Jewish Federation of Omaha Foundation, 333 S. 132nd Street, Omaha, NE 68154 by March 2, 2020. The transcript must reflect your cumulative GPA from your freshman year through your most recently-completed semester. If you have attended more than one institution since high school, request a transcript from each college or university.

School currently attending ______________________________________________________

Transcript requested from ____________________________________________________

Other schools attended including high school ______________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________

Have you ever been expelled, suspended, dismissed or had any disciplinary action taken against you? Yes _______ No _______ If yes, please explain.

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor, felony or other crime? Yes _______ No _______ If yes, please explain.

Musical Field

What field of music are you pursuing? _____________________________________________

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____________________________________________________________________________

What degree are you working toward? _____________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________
College Activities

On an attached sheet, with your name at the top, please type your responses to the following:

1. Describe your musical activities within your college and/or community.

2. Describe your extracurricular activities and community service, including volunteer experiences. For volunteer experiences, please include years of involvement as well as hours spent.

3. List any prizes, honors, awards and/or scholarships received.

4. If you have been employed during college, including summer jobs, list the type of work and length of employment.

Essays

On an attached sheet, with your name at the top, please type your answers to the following questions using no more than 150 words for each answer.

1. When did you first discover your love of music?

2. Describe your formal musical training.

3. How do you feel your education will help you achieve your career goals? And where do you see yourself in five years?

4. Why do you feel you should be considered for this Sokolof scholarship?

To the best of my knowledge, all information on this application is accurate and truthful.

Signature ___________________________ Date ____________
Confidential Recommendation Form
Karen Sokolof Javitch Merit Music Scholarship
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To the student:  I voluntarily waive access to this recommendation.
Student’s Name (Print) __________________________________________
Student’s Signature ______________________________________ Date ____________

To the person submitting the recommendation:
This student is applying for a Karen Sokolof Javitch Merit Music Scholarship, administered by the Jewish Federation of Omaha Foundation, for the further pursuit of a degree in music performance, composition or music education. This scholarship will be presented to a Jewish student from the Omaha metropolitan area and is based on merit, not financial need. Criteria are: musical and personal achievement, overall good character, scholastic performance and community service. We appreciate your honesty; please inform us if you know of any reason why this student should not receive this merit scholarship. Your evaluation will be kept in confidence. Thank you for your time and effort on this student’s behalf.

For the student to be considered for this scholarship, this form must be returned to the address below no later than March 2, 2020.

Please attach a signed sheet with the student’s name and your name at the top telling us why you feel this student would be a deserving candidate for the Karen Sokolof Javitch Merit Music Scholarship. Describe topics you are familiar with that will be helpful to the selection committee, such as musical talent or aptitude, academic and musical performance, motivation, creativity and dependability.

How long have you known this student and in what context? ______________________________

________________________________________________________________________________

Please print your name _____________________________________________________________

Signature ______________________________________ Date ________

Email __________________________ Phone number __________________________

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