

Rachel Stornant was a beloved friend, colleague, and former SEMFA Board Member, who left us far too soon. In her final year with us, Rachel taught a young student free of charge in order to assist her in upgrading to a new flute. We believe Rachel's final wish would have been to help promote the careers of young, budding talent in the Southeast Michigan flute community.

The Rachel Stornant Memorial Scholarship will award one middle-school aged student \$500.00 to help fund their musical education. One scholarship recipient will be selected each year. As part of this scholarship, the recipient is to perform a solo at a Showcase Recital at the next SEMFA Festival. Dates and details will be coordinated separately.

Applicants must be in middle school (grades 6-8 in the academic year for which you are applying), must live in Michigan, and must be active student members with SEMFA (see below for details). The following is required to apply:

- A video recording demonstrating playing ability.
- An application essay stating musical goals, and how the scholarship will help further musical education.
- A letter of recommendation on applicant's behalf.

Each of the above three components are equally important to this application, and this scholarship is not awarded based on talent alone. Please make sure that your application includes all three components to be considered.

Video Recording

Any repertoire may be selected.

Piano accompaniment is not required.

Video length should be between 3-6 minutes.

Application Essay

In 400-800 words, please tell us why you are applying for this scholarship. State your musical goals and please share how this scholarship will be used to further your music education.

Considerations

- Previous RSMS scholarship recipients are ineligible.
- The scholarship recipient is to perform a solo at a Showcase Recital for the next SEMFA Festival. We will reach out to you to coordinate details.

Deadline: September 1, 2024 by 11:59 pm ET

Online application and payment must be received by this deadline.

To Apply

1. Prepare one UNEDITED HIGH QUALITY video recording of your performance and upload this to a private YouTube link. Submit the link to your video in the google form. Recordings must have been made in the last year and edited recordings will be disqualified.
2. Fill out the online RSMS Scholarship application form on the SEMFA website.
3. Pay \$15 student SEMFA membership dues if you are not currently a SEMFA member by PayPal. You will receive an email confirmation when we have all of your materials and payment.

Apply Online

Application Payments Accepted by PayPal:

semfa.org or mailed to:
SEMFA Competitions
600 Akram, Oxford, MI 48371

Please contact SEMFA with any questions:
payments@semfa.org – "Rachel Stornant Memorial Scholarship" in subject line.