Rachel Stornant Memorial Scholarship

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 flutist $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 flutists in middle school (6th-8th grade during the 2026- 2027 academic calendar year), 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: Sunday November 15, 2026 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 Application form on the SEMFA Website
3. Pay $15.00 student SEMFA Membership dues if you are not currently a SEMFA member.

You will receive an email confirmation when we have all of your materials and payment.
Application Payments Accepted through GiveButter at semfa.org

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