

## Abell Family String Scholarship

This scholarship honors the work of Usher Abell and Jack Abell in the realm of stringed music education, student mentoring and increased access to instruments and quality teachers for all who want to learn.

Usher Abell taught stringed instruments at the University of South Dakota for over 30 years and served as chair of the Music Department for over 15 years. Along with his wife Barnes, also a musician, the Abells helped found and support the National Music Museum and instilled a love of music into their children, the late Memphis musician Jack Abell and Dr. Thomas L. Abell, and their grandchildren, all of whom play instruments. Usher and Barnes Abell passed away in 2003 and 2006 respectively.

Jack Abell moved to Memphis in 1975 with his family to join the faculty of what was then Memphis State University. Jack taught at MSU and Rhodes, founded multiple ensemble groups including the Tennessee Summer Symphony and the Beale Street Chamber Orchestra, and served as principal violist of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra and as conductor of several regional orchestras and symphonies. Jack passed away in the summer of 1993 from complications with pancreatic cancer. Jack's children established this scholarship fund to honor their father and grandparents' lifelong commitment to music and music education and to enable those who might not otherwise have the opportunity the chance to become musicians themselves.

Applicants for the Abell Family String Scholarship Fund must:

- ◆ be enrolled in or currently pursuing college coursework consistent with a degree in music string performance
- ◆ be a member of a school or other organized string ensemble or orchestra
- ◆ submit the application form and the required attachments. **Renewal applicants** must contact Vanessa Langston at (901) 722-0032 or [vlangston@cfigm.org](mailto:vlangston@cfigm.org) for a renewal application.

A complete application includes:

- ◆ completed application form
- ◆ two letters of recommendation, including one letter of recommendation from a music teacher or orchestra leader familiar with the applicant
- ◆ short performance sample on CD
- ◆ copy of your ACT and/or SAT scores
- ◆ most recent high school or college transcript
- ◆ copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR) and Expected Family Contribution (EFC) information, which you will receive when you complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Your application and all related attachments must be received in the offices of the Community Foundation of Greater Memphis by 5 p.m. on April 2, 2012.

Amount of Awards in 2009: \$1,000 total

Amount of Awards in 2010: \$1,100 total

Amount of Awards in 2011: \$1,000 total

Range of all Awards: \$1,000 - \$1,100

# Community Foundation of Greater Memphis Scholarship Application

Academic Year \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

*Deadline: April 2, 2012*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cellular: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about our scholarship funds? \_\_\_\_\_

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For which scholarship fund are you applying? \***Note:** You must submit a separate application with attachments for each.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Abell Family String                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Indian Community of Memphis | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruby Holmes Hefley    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Allen Jones/Marjorie Barringer/BarKays | <input type="checkbox"/> James A. Hyter Vocal Music  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sierra Simone Wright  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Foundation                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Kylan C. Bares Memorial     | <input type="checkbox"/> Stephen Lowe Memorial |

**Do not** complete this form if applying for the Don Poier, Mildred Galloway, Kicklighter Family, Maxine A. Smith or Joseph W. Westbrook scholarship funds. Contact information for the correct forms is listed in each scholarship description and on our Web site at [www.cfgm.org](http://www.cfgm.org).

Last school attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name City/ State

Class Rank (if available): \_\_\_\_\_ Class Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Scores: SAT Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_  
Composite ACT \_\_\_\_\_

Class year you will enter in college: Freshman \_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_ Graduate \_\_\_

College, university or vocational school to which you have been accepted:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Address City/State/Zip

Cost of tuition for one year: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost of room and board for one year: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended major/minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree you will pursue: AA \_\_\_ AS \_\_\_ BA \_\_\_ BS \_\_\_ MA \_\_\_ Ph.D. \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Month/Year you will graduate from college: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Will you be registered full-time? \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you plan to live? On campus \_\_\_ With parent \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please list below the source and amount of any grants or scholarships awarded for the coming school year. Please be sure to list any HOPE Scholarship Funds you will receive.

Name of Grant/Scholarship	Amount
_____	_____
_____	_____

**Extracurricular, Personal and Volunteer Activities (Including Summer)**

Please list your principal extracurricular activities in the order of their interest to you. Include specific events and major accomplishments such as musical instrument played, varsity letters earned, etc. Please complete this section even if you plan to attach a resumé.

Activity	Grade Level	Approximate time spent		Positions held, honors won, or letters earned
	Please circle one	Hours/week	Weeks/year	
_____	9 10 11 12	_____	_____	_____
_____	9 10 11 12	_____	_____	_____
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If any unusual family or personal circumstances will affect your ability to pursue your educational goals, please describe them: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Certification:**

I (we) affirm the information reported is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I (we) agree that to verify the information reported on this form, I (we) will, on request, provide documentation necessary to verify information reported. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please include the following attachments (No staples, folders or bound copies please)

- Copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR) and Expected Family Contribution (EFC) information, which you will receive when you complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). **Note:** The FAFSA is available at libraries, colleges, universities and online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). You should fill out the FAFSA and submit your information after January 1, but before mid-February. You will receive the SAR approximately four weeks after you file your FAFSA.
- Letter describing why applicant is applying for a scholarship and applicant's educational plans as they relate to career goals (please limit to one page)
- Copy of most recent high school/college transcript, which must indicate one of the following: cumulative grade point average or class rank
- Copy of SAT and ACT scores
- Two (2) **current** letters of recommendation from teacher, clergy or persons other than family members who are familiar with the applicant's skills and abilities
- Essay (**Kylen C. Bares Memorial, Indian Community of Memphis and Ruby Holmes Hefley Scholarship Funds ONLY**)
- Any other attachments required by the scholarship fund to which you are applying

**All applications are due by April 2, 2012 to:**

**Community Foundation of Greater Memphis  
 Attention: Scholarships  
 1900 Union Avenue  
 Memphis, TN 38104.**

**No staples, folders or bound copies please. The Foundation reserves the right to process only those applications found to be complete as of the deadline date. Please contact Vanessa Langston at 722-0032 or [vlangston@cfgm.org](mailto:vlangston@cfgm.org) if you have any questions. For more information: [www.cfgm.org](http://www.cfgm.org)**