

THE JANA S. WITTE MEMORIAL ORCHESTRA SCHOLARSHIP



\$1,000

The Jana S. Witte Memorial Scholarships are annually awarded to three Pleasant Valley Seniors: one each from the choir, band and orchestra programs. These scholarships are directed toward students who seek the opportunity to continue their music education at the collegiate level and are named in memory of a woman who spent a lifetime sharing her gift of music with students, colleagues, family, and friends.

Jana S. Witte attained her Master of Music Education while teaching junior high/middle school vocal music for fifteen years. She directed church adult choirs and bell choirs, community theater choruses, and accompanied countless solo and ensemble groups performing for state contests while also providing private instruction in voice, piano, and strings in her home. Jana invested in her continuing education by pursuing coursework in Suzuki piano and voice certification to expand her knowledge and to discover innovative teaching techniques to share with her students.

Although Jana spent only one year on staff at Pleasant Valley High School, she left the indelible mark of her high spirits and caring on the hearts of all the students and staff she encountered. Jana's last day among us was an appropriate final chapter of a life dedicated to her profession and to her very soul. On a beautiful July day, she accompanied three Pleasant Valley students in voice and strings while performing for a wedding ceremony. That was Jana, always teaching, always mentoring, and always a musician.

It is the families hope that the recipients of these scholarships utilize their musical gifts to enrich their lives and the lives of all they encounter throughout life's journey. Whether done through careers in music education, performance, or the simple act of expanding their abilities to share with family and friends, such sharing will, indeed, keep Jana's musical spirit alive.

The scholarship recipient will be determined by a committee composed of the PVHS Principal or Associate Principal, the Guidance Department, and Orchestra Department.

The scholarship is for tuition only and will be paid directly to the institution the recipient attends. The scholarship will be granted for one year and is non-renewable. The selection committee retains the right to not award the scholarship if there are no eligible recipients in a given year.

Applications will be available in the Pleasant Valley High School Guidance Office. The scholarship will be presented to the recipient at the Senior Awards Program held prior to commencement.

Criteria to Apply:

- Be a graduating senior at Pleasant Valley High School.
- Have studied Orchestra all four years.
- Plan to continue studying and/or performing music in college with the intention of using music to enrich the lives of others throughout their adult life.
- Pursue a post-secondary education which will lead to a Bachelor's Degree.
- A GPA satisfactory for college admission.

Make application and return to the Guidance Office by April 8, 2009.

Please be aware that some scholarship search committees check social networking profiles as a reference.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN TO THE GUIDANCE OFFICE BY APRIL 8, 2009.

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

COLLEGE OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL THAT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS OR AWARDS RECEIVED: _____

EXTRA-CURRICULAR & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Activity	Grade Level of Participation				Positions Held or Honors
	9	10	11	12	

WORK EXPERIENCE

(Please list jobs including summer employment you have had in the past 2-3 years.)

Nature of Work	Employer	Dates of Employment	Hours/Week

I give my permission for my high school guidance counselor to release my academic information.

DATE _____ STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

GRADE POINT AVERAGE _____

ACT: Eng. ____ Math ____ Rdg. ____ Sci.Rea. ____ Comp. ____ SAT: Verbal ____ Math ____

Counselor's Signature _____ Date _____

Principal's Signature _____ Date _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT & RECOMMENDATION

IN YOUR OWN HANDWRITING, DESCRIBE HOW YOU PLAN TO USE YOUR MUSICAL TO ENRICH THE LIVES OF OTHERS.

WHY DO YOU FEEL YOU DESERVE THIS SCHOLARSHIP?

RECOMMENDATION BY TEACHER OR COUNSELOR.

NAME OF PERSON MAKING RECOMMENDATION _____
(Please type or print)

TITLE OF PERSON MAKING RECOMMENDATION _____

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____