

Press Release
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Wolfeboro Friends of Music

Wolfeboro Friends of Music (WFOM) is now taking applications from students in the Governor Wentworth Regional School District (GWRSD) including home school and private school students residing in the GWRSD for music assistance grants. The grants provide funds used to help further individuals' music education by private lessons, upgrading instruments, upgrading equipment, and attending music camps. The application form requires the students to write a short essay of 300 words or less on how the award will make the applicant a better musician. Students in grades 6 through 12 are eligible to apply.

Funding for the scholarships is provided through Friends of Music's William H. Gibson Fund. The fund was set up to provide grants to students to encourage their appreciation of music and improve their music skills. Friends of Music transfers \$2 from each ticket sale in their regular concert season to the Gibson Fund for support of student programming and grants such as these. The opening concert of this season, Ramsey Lewis Trio, was a fund raising event for The Gibson Fund as well. Due to a very generous donation from a local anonymous donor, the Friends of Music was able to apply half of the net proceeds of the concert to the Gibson Fund.

Grants will be dispersed based on committee recommendation. Students may apply yearly for grants. The committee is made up of two WFOM board members and two music teachers from the GWRSD. Applications are due by October 30 and students will be notified by November 15 as to who received monies.

Application forms are available by contacting Jill Daley-Gibson at Kingswood Regional Middle School, 569-3689 or online at www.wfriendsofmusic.org.

Wolfeboro Friends of Music, now in its 76th anniversary season, is a presenter of quality musical programs enjoyed from September to May by people of the Greater Lakes Region as well as promoting music appreciation for area youth. [end]