

Denise and Frederick Gerhardt Music Student Enrichment Fund
at Lewis & Clark College

The Music Student Enrichment Fund was established in 2014 by Denise Gerhardt and Frederick Gerhardt '65, M.M. '67 to support worthy music students with grants (Music Awards) for various educational opportunities that will enhance the students' learning experience at and beyond Lewis & Clark.

Denise and Fred have a deep fondness for music at Lewis & Clark. Denise served as administrator for the music department for 28 years. Her dedication to the department and her warm and engaging manner created close personal connections with music students and faculty over several decades. Fred received a Bachelor of Music degree in 1965 and a Master of Music degree in 1967 from Lewis & Clark. He served as a music educator in Oregon schools for 33 years.

With this gift, Denise and Fred hope to extend support to talented students who may otherwise not have the means to fully realize their academic and career potential. By doing so, they hope to bolster students' readiness to transition to academic or professional life after graduating from Lewis & Clark.

Selection Process

Music Awards are to be given to students who are enrolled and eligible to continue at Lewis & Clark College or who have recently completed their degree. A committee of faculty from the Department of Music will serve as the grants committee to review applications and administer the awards for students.

- Students who are interested in applying must work in close consultation with a member of the music faculty throughout the application process.
- Students must first apply for funding from the Student Academic Affairs Board (SAAB), if appropriate for their projects and goals.
- Students who do not receive full funding through SAAB grants may apply for partial or full funding through a Music Award.
- If a student's project does not fit the criteria for a SAAB grant application, faculty may recommend the student applies for a Music Award.

Sample Grant Opportunities

- Music lessons—students may receive additional music lessons not otherwise provided by the department.
- Advanced or independent research projects—students may apply for funds to travel and/or purchase materials for advanced or independent research projects.

- Educational conferences, master classes, summer music programs, and workshops—students may apply for awards to support travel and registration fees associated with conferences, master classes, summer music programs, and workshops.
- Internship stipends—students may apply for awards to supplement income while employed at an unpaid internship.
- Examination assistance—students may apply for funding to assist with fees associated with examinations related to furthering their careers and may include the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
- Graduate school application and travel expenses—students may apply for awards to cover fees and travel expenses associated with applying to graduate school.
- At the Chair's discretion, other educational opportunities may be funded that will enhance students' learning experiences at and beyond Lewis & Clark.

Number and Size of the Awards

Discretion will be given to the committee of faculty from the Department of Music in determining the merit and need of the applicants, with priority given to students who might otherwise be unable to afford to participate in these music-related endeavors. The number of grants awarded to students annually will depend upon the number of students who apply for funding and the amount of funds available. The size of the Music Awards will depend upon the proposed budgets for projects and the amount of funds available.