



To provide an opportunity to others interested in music to develop their talents, the Chester E. and Marion D. Groth

Scholarship Fund has been established under the auspices of Richfield United Methodist Church Foundation. The purpose of this Fund is to award annual post-secondary scholarships for qualified students desiring to matriculate and pursue careers in music education, music performance, or music therapy. Tuition scholarships for the 2021—2022 school year will be awarded. Previous recipients are eligible to reapply for the scholarship for up to three additional years or until a Bachelor's Degree is earned, whichever occurs first. These scholarships are made possible by the generous gift of Marion Groth on behalf of her husband, Chester. Applications will be reviewed and finalists will be invited to audition. Applications must be received in the church office no later than Noon, Friday, February 26, 2021.

Richfield United Methodist Church
5835 Lyndale Ave So
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presents
the Chester E.
and
Marion D. Groth
Scholarship
2021—2022



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Applicants will be notified if invited to a finalist audition on March 20, 2021

Audition invitations will be mailed by March 5, 2021

Chester E. & Marion D. Groth Scholarship



Some time ago there was a boy with a Cornet. He dreamed of doing big things, of going to faraway places - he and his Cornet. Sometimes his dream was so big it would frighten him, but then he would reassure himself. Everyone understood music. Music is a universal language. He loved it and would master it; even his mother said so. For several years he continued his dedicated study on his instrument, working to pay for his lessons and taking advantage of every opportunity to perform on his Cornet.

Then came the war. He and his cornet chose the Navy. It was destined that he be a cornetist in the Navy Band of the United States of America. Who was this young man with a cornet? Chester E. Groth. His dream started to unfold under the baton of John Philip Sousa. His horizons expanded, his circle of friends and companions in music grew. In the Navy Band he was challenged to study the woodwinds and this opened a whole new world for him to master.

When he returned to civilian life, he entered the career of a professional musician. It was a whirlwind schedule of radio, recording, movies and television in the ever-expanding field of music. At this

point in his career he acceded to the requests of many fellow musicians to teach. This was a “natural” for him, and it seemed he was never more happy than when he was teaching those youthful aspiring students to become outstanding musicians. And when each student reached the required degree of performance, he sought the proper position in which to place that student. Always guiding, teaching, reaching for ever higher goals, Chester E. Groth, was a skilled teacher, and a beloved mentor. With this background he opened Chester E. Groth Music Studios and founded the Chester E. Groth Music Company. The inspiration of Chester E. Groth has made this scholarship possible.

To be eligible to receive a Chester E. & Marion D. Groth Music scholarship, an applicant must meet the following:

- Be a graduating high school senior from a Minnesota High School;
- Be entering college as a freshman;
- Be a United States citizen or have applied for citizenship;
- Have an overall GPA of at least 3.0 (“B” average);
- Have at least two years of formal training in some aspect of music;
- Be accepted by an accredited four-year U.S. college or university, or a two-year accredited college as part of a plan to pursue a four-year degree full-time as a music major in education, performance, or music therapy. The selection committee prefers, but does not require, attendance at a Minnesota college or university;
- Submit a completed application (A personal interview and/or audition may be required);
- Submit three letters of recommendation;
- Submit an official high school transcript;
- Submit an official college transcript if applicable;
- Be available if you are invited to audition on Saturday, March 20, 2021.
- Meet renewal criteria if you are a previous recipient reapplying.

Successful candidates will perform once during the duration of the scholarship at a worship service or musical event sponsored by and held at Richfield United Methodist Church.

For more information and an application form please contact:

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Applications sent by fax or e-mail are not accepted.
