

Pat Nichols Memorial Scholarship

Grand Island Concert Association

Born in 1915, Irma Nichols surrounded herself with music and theater through her high school years. At age 16, young Irma played the part of “Pat” in the show The Wild Oats Boy by Lillian Mortimer. Though the show was short-lived, the nickname was not. From then forward she was called Pat. Pat became an accomplished pianist and church organist, a career that spanned 50 years. She enjoyed countless concert and theater performances her whole 102 years of life.

Pat could not go to college because of the Great Depression. It is her family’s wish to help provide an opportunity for young people to fulfill their college dreams. This scholarship is designed to carry on Pat’s musical legacy for students who pursue music as an avocation or career.

The Pat Nichols Memorial Scholarship is a part of the Grand Island Concert Association Scholarships. In the spirit of encouraging musical and theatrical talent, the GICA offers scholarships annually to area students who have a plan to continue to grow and use their gifts. The scholarship is a one-year award and is valued at \$1,000.

Eligibility

- Must be a graduate of one of the following high schools: Grand Island Senior High, Grand Island Central Catholic, Grand Island Northwest, Heartland Lutheran, St. Cecilia, Heartland Community High School, Loup City, Ord, Palmer, High Plains, Ravenna, Shelton, St. Paul, Wood River, York, Nebraska Christian, Aurora, Central City, Central Valley, Centura, Doniphan-Trumbull, Elba, Fullerton, Hampton, Hastings, or Adams Central.
- Must be involved in music, musical theater or musical performance in school and/or in the community
- Student must upload a 1 minute audio file showing proficiency in voice or instrument. (Theater students upload a monologue or reading).
- Must attend an accredited trade school, university, or college

Essay Questions

- Give a brief synopsis of your involvement in school and community music and/or theater activities.
- What are your dreams for using your talent in music and/or theater 10 years from now? Tell us how you plan to continue to develop your interest and talent.

To Apply

Complete the online application form at www.gips.org/foundation/scholarships

Selection Procedure

Applications will be reviewed by a scholarship selection committee appointed by the Grand Island Public Schools Foundation.

Terms of Payment

The scholarship will be paid through the Grand Island Public Schools Foundation to an accredited trade school, college, or university. The student must provide proof of enrollment to the Grand Island Public Schools Foundation.

