

## **Stone Soup Symphony George Akehurst Scholarship Award**

### ***Background:***

This Scholarship is awarded in memory of George Akehurst, co-founder of Stone Soup Symphony and its conductor/music director from 1998 to 2010.

### ***Purpose:***

To encourage and recognize high school student members of Stone Soup Symphony to strive for academic and musical excellence and demonstrate leadership skills.

### ***Eligibility:***

Graduating high school seniors who have been accepted at a two- or four-year accredited college or university, and who have been active members of Stone Soup Symphony for a minimum of two years.

### ***Award Criteria:***

Applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria:

**Orchestra participation:** Attends rehearsals regularly, is well-prepared for rehearsals, attends all concerts (unless excused in advance) and assists with concert and rehearsal setup/breakdown (up to level of physical ability).

**Musicianship:** Demonstrates an acceptable level of competence on their instrument as evaluated by section leader and/or conductor. Shows progress over time.

**Leadership Skills:** Volunteers for projects and initiatives, offers opinions and suggestions, pro-actively supports fellow members, clearly communicates pertinent announcements (for example, upcoming school concerts or shows), or recruits new members to the symphony.

### ***Application Process:***

Complete and return the Stone Soup Symphony George Akehurst Scholarship Award application no later than the 2nd Wednesday in April, of the application year.

The Selection Committee will be responsible for reviewing all applications and selecting the award recipients, if any, no later than June 1st.

All award amounts and recipients, if any, are granted solely upon the discretion of the committee.

**Stone Soup Symphony**  
**George Akehurst Scholarship Award**  
**Application**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**High School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**College/University You Will Attend in the Fall (attach copy of acceptance letter):**

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**Active Member of Stone Soup Symphony Since:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a request letter that supports why you believe you meet the scholarship award criteria as outlined in the Stone Soup Symphony George Akehurst Scholarship Award summary.**

**Your application, request letter, and a copy of college/university acceptance letter must be received by a member of the Selection Committee by the 2nd Wednesday in April.**

**You may submit these either electronically ([music@stonesoupsymphony.org](mailto:music@stonesoupsymphony.org)) or by hand to be considered for an award.**

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**Signature**

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**Date**