

FOUNTAIN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS

Music Award Terms and Deadlines

The Fountain School's Student Affairs Committee is responsible for overseeing all student awards, unless noted. Values of awards for 2026-27 are based on current account balances/earnings.

IN-COURSE AWARDS

The Atlantic Barber Shop Harmony Award: \$1900

Funded by the Nova Scotia Chapter of the Society for the Presentation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, this award is for a student in a music program who demonstrates outstanding aptitude and achievement leading to a professional career in an aspect of choral music (conducting, composing, arranging, singing, etc.). It is normally awarded to a fourth-year student.

The Bornoff/Garamie Memorial String Scholarship: \$400

Established to honour the memory of two significant string music teachers, George Bornoff and Arthur Garamie. Awarded annually to a student entering the third or fourth year of a music degree program who demonstrates outstanding talent.

Professor Ray D. Byham Memorial Prize in Piano Studies: \$1400

In memory of Professor Ray D. Byham, who taught at Dalhousie from 1969-1993. One (or more) annual prize(s) to a student(s) entering fourth year piano studies. The recipient will have a cumulative GPA of not less than 3.3, with at least two years prior, consecutive residency in the Dalhousie Bachelor of Music (Piano Performance) program or equivalent.

Honourable L. D. Currie Memorial Scholarship in Music: \$1000

The Scots North British Society established this scholarship in memory of the Honourable Lauchlin D. Currie. An annual scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 is available to a Canadian in any year of Music. The successful student will have demonstrated competence in vocal or instrumental performance.

The Beatrice Daviss Music Prize: \$540

To provide an annual in-course prize to a female student in the Bachelor of Music program on the combined basis of high academic standing and performance ability. The prize is named after the first graduate in music in 1909.

Evanov Radio Group Scholarship: \$3000

For a student in the third or fourth year of the Bachelor of Music concentration in Composition. To be eligible, students must demonstrate artistic excellence and a commitment to performing arts in the community and must also be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada.

Fountain Prize in Music: \$4000

The Student Affairs Committee awards a prize to a Music student **who demonstrate exceptional artistic merit**. Students must have completed one year of study to be eligible.

The Elvira Gonnella Scholarship in Voice: \$2900

Upon the recommendation of the voice faculty, this scholarship is awarded to a voice student entering their third or fourth year of a music degree program, who has demonstrated an outstanding level of performance and exceptional potential for a professional singing career. This scholarship is given by former faculty member Elvira Gonnella, in gratitude for having had the privilege of teaching music at Dalhousie.

The Ernest and Dorothy Heighton Memorial Prize: \$1870

In memory of Ernest and Dorothy Heighton, awarded to an outstanding student in the third or fourth year of the Bachelor of Music in Performance with a focus on Jazz and Improvisation.

The Lorne C. Huber Memorial Prize in Music: \$200

In memory of the late Major Lorne C. Huber, awarded to an undergraduate Music student of outstanding potential in brass performance.

Jay/MacLellan Family Music Award for Music Leadership: \$1000

A scholarship for a student in a full time Music program at the Fountain School of Performing Arts who demonstrates a high level of artistic performance and a commitment to extracurricular activities and leadership in the University and/or musical community. Students will apply in writing for this award.

Charles and Mary MacLennan Bursary in Music: Five bursaries of \$4000 each

Established to honour the memory of Charles G. MacLennan, who was active in the musical life of Dalhousie University, and his wife Mary Jackson MacLennan, who had a lifelong interest in amateur theatre. Two bursaries are awarded annually to undergraduate students in Music who have shown artistic excellence in music (vocal, instrumental, or other). Eligible recipients will have completed at least one year of study. Applicants will apply to the general online bursary program as well as write a letter to the Fountain School of Performing Arts Student Affairs Committee.

Ian Lamont McLachlan Jazz Scholarship: \$3000

Established in honour of Ian Lamont McLachlan, this award is given to a second year music student in the Fountain School of Performing Arts who demonstrates a high level of artistic potential or achievement as a jazz musician. The student must be a member of the Dalhousie Jazz Ensemble.

Elisabeth Meyerhof Scholarship in Music: \$5000

Awarded to a student entering the fourth year of a Music degree who has achieved a high average in the music classes of the first three years and demonstrated exceptional promise for a professional career as an instrumentalist in the performance of classical music (including early music). If no instrumentalist qualifies, a voice student would be considered.

Ritchie Oakley Guitar Prize - \$900.00

Ritchie Oakley was a guitarist and song writer from Halifax, Nova Scotia. He won accolades for his excellence in guitar and song writing over his long career. He was known as kind and empathetic person who helped other musicians get a foothold in the music industry and held education in very high esteem alongside his lifelong passion for guitar. In this spirit, this award is to honor his contribution. The in-course award will recognize student excellence and achievement in the Fountain School guitar program. The recipient will be enrolled full time in the Fountain School of Performing Arts, Guitar program, will be in their third year of study, and will demonstrate excellence in the Guitar program.

The Erik Perth Memorial Award: \$750

Established to honour the memory of Erik Perth, a former Director of Cultural Activities at Dalhousie University. An annual prize to a female vocal student who has completed the third year of a Bachelor of Music, or Bachelor of Arts Combined Honours, Music and Theatre, and has demonstrated both outstanding achievement in vocal performance, and an aptitude for a career in opera and/or musical theatre. The prize will be awarded in conjunction with the opening night performance of the annual Dalhousie Opera.

Dr. David Peters Music Scholarship: \$1800

Awarded annually to a student in a Music degree program who demonstrates outstanding achievement in organ, piano, harpsichord, or keyboard performance, choral music, or other church performance.

The Royal Saint George's Society of Halifax Prize in Music: \$500.00

Awarded annually to a student entering the third or fourth year of music degree program who shows particular potential in an orchestral instrument.

Kathleen Stewart Memorial Bursary in Music: \$2500

An annual in-course bursary to one (or more) undergraduate student(s) in a Music degree program who demonstrate financial need and have shown academic excellence as demonstrated by GPA in relevant courses. Awarded to a student in their second, third or fourth year of Music studies. First preference will be given to students studying Piano and second preference will be given to students studying Voice. Established in memory of Kathleen Stewart who was a passionate supporter of Dalhousie from 1954 until her death in 2008. Applicants will apply to the general online bursary program as well write a letter to the Fountain School of Performing Arts Student Affairs Committee.

Tietje Zonneveld Scholarship in Piano Studies: \$3000

Tietje Zonneveld was a member of the Music faculty at Dalhousie from 1976 until her retirement in 2004. An annual scholarship will be awarded to an undergraduate student entering third year of the Bachelor of Music (Piano Performance) program or equivalent. If there are no eligible third year students in a given year, consideration may be given to a fourth-year student.

GENERAL IN-COURSE AWARDS
(Based on prior year GPA – no nomination necessary)

James and Abbie Campbell Memorial Scholarships: amounts vary annually

A bequest from the late Elsie Alma MacAloney of Halifax made provision for the establishment of the James and Abbie Campbell Memorial Fund. The fund is also used for entrance awards based on music auditions.

Fountain In-Course Performing Arts Scholarships: amounts vary annually

To support GPA achievement of students in Music degree programs.

The Effie May Ross Scholarships in Music: amounts vary annually

Supports scholarships to outstanding vocalists or instrumentalists with advanced standing in degree programs in Music. Scholarships range in value and number and are awarded at the discretion of the Fountain School of Performing Arts. The fund is also used for entrance awards based on music auditions.

Dr. Don Wright Scholarship in Music: amounts vary annually

Awarded to outstanding full-time students in the third or fourth year of an undergraduate music degree who demonstrate a consistently high level of achievement in all of their studies. Priority will be given to students concentrating in Music instruction or students who demonstrate a particular interest in/intend to continue their studies in the area of music education. (Since there is no longer an education program at Dal, these funds are used for general in-course awards.)

ENTRANCE AWARDS

(Awarded based on March scholarship auditions)

Evanov Radio Group Scholarship

Awarded to students entering a Music degree program. Students must demonstrate artistic excellence and a commitment to performing arts in the community and must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada.

Lawrence and Mildred Ridgway Scholarship

Awarded on the basis of performance excellence to a student entering university for the first time directly from high school into a course of study leading to an undergraduate degree in music performance. It was established by Karen Woolhouse and Judith Wells in memory of their parents, who lived in Halifax for many years, enjoyed music, and were proud that their two daughters graduated from Dalhousie.

F. Hume Wells Scholarship

Awarded on the basis of performance excellence to a student entering university for the first time directly from high school into a course of study leading to an undergraduate degree in music performance. It was established by Judith Wells and Karen Woolhouse in memory of F. Hume Wells, a businessman in Halifax, who was interested in music and thought university education was important.

Don Wright Scholarship of Excellence

Supports outstanding students who are entering the Fountain School of Performing Arts in a Music degree program. While preference shall be given to awarding the scholarship to one student per year, if no one student merits the awarding of the scholarship, the awarding committee has the authority to award two scholarships to students who have applied and been accepted to study Music within the School.

Stuart MacKinnon Scholarship in Voice (renewable for up to 4 years)

Stuart MacKinnon Scholarship in Voice is intended to provide renewable funding for an individual with a demonstrated talent in voice enrolled in full-time study in the music program specializing in voice at Fountain School of Performing Arts at Dalhousie University. The eligible recipient is enrolled as a full-time student during any academic year in the music program specializing in voice at Fountain School of Performing Arts; demonstrates and maintains high academic achievement. Preference will be given to a student who is a resident of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, or Prince Edward Island (Atlantic Provinces).

OTHER MUSIC AWARDS

Djokic Family Prize for Excellence in Performance: \$1000

Lynn Stodola and Philippe Djokic were long-standing faculty members of the Dalhousie Music Department. They were inspired by the talent and dedication of students and wish to recognize and encourage students to strive for excellence. This prize recognizes an instrumental or voice student at the Fountain School of Performing Arts who demonstrates exceptional musical talent with the potential for a professional career. The prize is presented at the annual Concerto Night concert.

James A. Faraday Memorial Music Award: \$3000

Established in memory of James A. Faraday, percussion teacher, mentor, and friend, who inspired students at Dalhousie for over 30 years. For a percussion student in the third or fourth year of a Music degree program who demonstrates a high standard of performance, a love of music, a positive attitude, and a collaborative spirit. Selected in consultation with faculty members from the percussion program. Awarded in the spring.

Halifax Ladies Musical Club Scholarship: \$700

An annual scholarship for a first year student in Music at Dalhousie on the basis of the highest jury grade in fall term. Awarded in March at a public recital.

Jay / MacLellan Family Music Award for Music Competition - \$500

To support one or more full-time students in the Fountain School of Performing Arts (Music) who demonstrate a high level of artistic performance and require support to attend a regional, national, or international music competition or program that is endorsed by the Fountain School of Performing Arts. Eligible recipients will demonstrate a high level of academic performance (measured by GPA), involvement in extracurricular activities and/or demonstration of leadership skills. Recipients are eligible to reapply for the award in subsequent years of study.

Ian Perry-Berger Memorial Music Bursary: \$1000

An in-course bursary for a student enrolled in a Music program. *This award is administered by the Dalhousie Awards office.*

Ian Perry-Berger Instrument Award: \$1000

The award is intended to offset the cost of purchase of an instrument needed for study, or to offset the costs of instrument repairs or supplies. The award recipient will normally be selected in the **Winter** semester and the funds transferred to the student account in September. This award is annually funded for 5 years, starting in 2017-18. Students will apply in writing for this award.

Owen Maitzen Prize in Music Composition - \$1000

Established in 2022, in memory of Owen Maitzen, an amazingly talented musician, composer, mathematician, computer programmer, and a passionate and thoughtful activist. For a student enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program in the Fountain School of Performing Arts, with a focus/concentration and demonstrating excellence in Composition. Selected by the Student Affairs Committee in consultation with Composition area faculty. Awarded in the spring.

The Georg Tintner Prize: \$500

Established to honour the musical legacy and spirit of Dr. Georg Tintner, conductor and Music Director of Symphony Nova Scotia (1987-1994) and devoted supporter of Dalhousie's Music performance activities. An annual prize awarded to an instrumental or voice student enrolled in a Music degree program who demonstrates exceptional musical talent with the potential for a professional performance career. The prize will be awarded at the annual Concerto Night concert.

The William Tritt Recital Prize: TBA

At the recommendation of the Piano Faculty, awarded to a piano student who has demonstrated a high level of performance on their third year or graduation recital. This prize will be awarded only when it is deemed warranted. This award is named after the late Canadian pianist and Dalhousie faculty member, William Tritt.

The William Tritt/Scotia Festival Memorial Prize: TBA

Awarded at the recommendation of the Piano Faculty to a senior level Piano student who has achieved a high standard of performance. This prize is to be applied to tuition costs for participation in the Young Artists Program of the Scotia Festival of Music. This award is named after the late Canadian pianist and Dalhousie faculty member, William Tritt.

CONVOCATION AWARDS (awarded at end-of-year reception)

These awards are determined in consultation with the Associate Director (Music) and the FSPA Director, upon review of the year-end GPA report, and recipients' names are reported to the Dal Awards office for the Convocation program.

University Medal in Music:

To the top First Class Honours graduate a medal in recognition of superior achievement based on the highest GPA in all classes.

Dalhousie Alumni Association (Women's Division) Medal in Music:

Presented to the graduating student who achieves the highest cumulative GPA in music subjects over the four-year Bachelor of Music degree.

Dalhousie Women's Alumnae Prize in Music:

Presented to the graduating student who has achieved a high cumulative average in music subjects during the four-year Bachelor of Music degree program.