



# St. Matthew

LUTHERAN CHURCH of HANOVER

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## *The Frysinger Rohrbaugh Music Scholarship*

The *Frysinger Rohrbaugh Music Scholarship*, established in 1994, exists to assist students to further their music education. All applicants shall be voting members as defined in the constitution of St Matthew Lutheran Church Hanover, PA. A voting member according to \*C8.02.c of the constitution-“**VOTING** members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a financial contribution of record to this congregation.” Interested applicants should be enrolled in a music education course of study that would lead to a degree in music. Applicants are encouraged to apply every year they are eligible, whether or not they were a previous Rohrbaugh Scholarship recipient.

All applicants must follow directions and complete the application form in its entirety in order to be considered. In addition to the application form, each applicant is required to submit one letter of reference and a recent transcript. There is a less involved renewal form for students who were previous scholarship recipients.

Application will be available from the church office. Deadline for submitting applications is May 1. Selections of award recipients will be announced by the end of July.

Send all materials to:

Ethan Draper  
Frysinger Rohrbaugh Music Scholarship  
St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
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If you have any questions, call the church office (637-7101), or send correspondence to the above address. Thank you for your interest in this fine opportunity for St. Matthew members.

Sincerely,

Ethan Draper  
Minister of Music

## ***THE FRYISINGER ROHRBAUGH MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP***

*St. Matthew Lutheran Church*

*Hanover, PA*

### **Background:**

In 1994, St. Matthew received a gift from Kathryn Rohrbaugh with the designation that it be used to provide for music scholarships to be given in memory of her husband, Frysinger Rohrbaugh. It was the intent of the donor that the gift (\$51,798.87) be used to establish "The Frysinger Rohrbaugh Music Scholarship Fund" in recognition of Frysinger's love of music and his involvement in the Sunday Church School Orchestra at St. Matthew. While it was intended that the principle amount of the fund would remain intact, the interest earned from the sum would be available annually to provide scholarships for qualified members of St. Matthew Lutheran Church pursuing a music degree in higher education. In the event that there are no applicants in a given year or if the available interests exceed that amount awarded, it is possible that such remaining amounts could be used as noted in the guidelines, when appropriate. Development of the guidelines for the scholarship program was entrusted to the Senior Pastor and Minister(s) of Music in consultation with the donor. Church council shall be responsible for review and approval of all scholarship guidelines.

### **Scholarship Guidelines:**

1. The Fund shall be called the Frysinger Rohrbaugh Scholarship Fund. The scholarship shall be called the Frysinger Rohrbaugh Music Scholarship.
2. The Rohrbaugh Music Scholarship shall be administered by the church council through a music scholarship committee which shall consist of four members of the congregation with the Senior Pastor and the Minister(s) of Music be ex-officio members.
3. Committee members shall be appointed by the Senior Pastor, in consultation with the Minister(s) of Music, and approved by the church council. Committee members may be reappointed.
4. Scholarship awards are limited to active confirmed members in good standing of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Hanover, Pennsylvania.
5. Awards may be made to applicants seeking financial aid for full-time or part-time enrollment who plan to major in music at:
  - (a) music college
  - (b) music conservatories at the undergraduate or graduate level
  - (c) colleges or universities including graduate study
6. The amount of the award shall be no less than \$1,000. The number of awards shall be determined by the Music Scholarship Committee after a review of the interest income available for that year. Awards shall be of equal value. If there are no applicants in a given year, or if the available interest exceeds the amount awarded, such monies could be used in the following ways at the discretion of and with the approval of the church council upon recommendation of the Senior Pastor and the Minister(s) of Music:
  - (a) To provide educational opportunities for lay persons involved in our congregation's music ministry.
  - (b) To provide educational opportunities for the St. Matthew Music Ministry Staff.
7. Awards which will be given as grants are to be used for tuition and related educational costs. The checks will be made out and sent directly to the applicant unless they request we send the check directly to the institution. This has been our pattern for years and it seems to assist the applicants by not causing problems with their receiving other scholarships.
8. Criteria for determining awards will include:
  - (a) Involvement in St. Matthew music ministry and programs and/or campus life ministries.
  - (b) Academic record or
  - (c) Aptitude in musical pursuits.
  - (d) Character, leadership abilities, extracurricular activities in school and community
  - (e) Educational and personal goals.

- (f) One letter of recommendation
  - (g) Extenuating circumstances or special factors.
10. The award will not be limited to first year or entry level student.
  11. Students are eligible to receive the award at the undergraduate level and at the graduate level. A Rohrbaugh Music Scholarship application or renewal form must be submitted each year by the established deadline.
  12. If there are no applicants or if funds available in a given year are not fully used, remaining funds shall be available for distribution in subsequent years unless utilized according to item #6 above.
  13. Applications will be available in the church office.  
Deadline for all applications is May 1.
  14. Names of the scholarship winners will be reported to church council and publicized through the congregation's newsletter.
  15. The Scholarship Committee shall:
    - a. develop the necessary forms to make application.
    - b. determine award winners annually.
    - c. give a periodic notice to the congregation regarding the existence of the Rohrbaugh Music Scholarship program
    - d. review the scholarship guidelines when needed, making suggestions for revision to church council for review and approval.
  16. Information on the Rohrbaugh Music Scholarship will be available from the church office and the Minister(s) of Music.

Approved by Church Council – September 08  
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