

The Daniel Pearl Berkshire Scholarship

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

The Daniel Pearl Berkshire Scholarship was established in 2003 with major support from *The Berkshire Eagle*, the *North Adams Transcript* and friends of Daniel Pearl, to benefit Berkshire-area students who intend to major in journalism or music. The scholarship fund is invested by the Daniel Pearl Foundation of Encino, California and the award program is administered by the Daniel Pearl Berkshire Scholarship Committee.

Daniel Pearl was a reporter for *The Wall Street Journal* who was kidnapped and killed, at the age of 38, by terrorists in Pakistan early in 2002. He began his career with stints as a reporter at both the *Transcript* and *The Eagle* between 1986 and 1990, after graduating from Stanford University. He joined *The Wall Street Journal* in 1990, and worked in its Atlanta, Washington, London and Paris bureaus. In 2000 he was appointed chief of *The Journal's* South Asia Bureau in Bombay, India. At the time of his death, Pearl had been seeking an interview with a shadowy Islamic leader to obtain information about terrorist organizations in Pakistan. Those who promised to arrange the interview instead kidnapped and killed him.

While Pearl's career was in journalism, he was a gifted musician, trained as a classical violinist. He also played guitar and mandolin, and while living in the Berkshires he performed in a bluegrass band.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the 2017 award, you must meet one of the following educational qualifications, and the Berkshire area residence requirement below.

- You will graduate from high school in 2017 and plan to enter your first year of higher education in the fall of 2017, OR:
- You graduated from high school in 2015 or 2016 and deferred college enrollment for one or two years, but plan to enter your first year of college in the fall of 2017, OR:
- You plan to enter college in the fall of 2017 following a period of active military service.

Graduates of any public or private high school may qualify, as long as they meet the following residence requirement: The applicant must have maintained home residence during his or her entire senior year in high school within the circulation area of *The Berkshire Eagle*. That circulation area is defined as, and limited to:

- All towns in Berkshire County, Massachusetts; plus:
- The towns of Canaan, CT; Pownal, Readsboro and Stamford, VT;
- Chatham, Cherry Plain, Lebanon Springs, New Lebanon and Stephentown, NY; and
- Middlefield, Chester, Cummington and Worthington, MA.

Residents of this geographic area who attended a school elsewhere (for example, a private school) also qualify.

AWARDS

The award is competitive, and will be given at the discretion of the committee to a single student who exhibits a strong interest in the pursuit of education and a career either in music or journalism, and has a meritorious record of academic and community achievement while in high school. Applications will be reviewed by the committee with those criteria in mind.

The fund makes an annual award of \$1,000. *Note: The scholarship award may be subject to revocation if the recipient substantially alters his or her intent to study and pursue a career in journalism or music prior to first-year enrollment.*

DEADLINE

All applications must be received by the Committee, or postmarked, by midnight, Thursday, April 29, 2017.

TO APPLY

Complete the attached application form and send it to:

Pearl Scholarship Committee
c/o Martin C. Langeveld
131 Woodland Rd.
Vernon, VT 05354

With the application form, please enclose:

- A certified transcript of high school grades
- Two letters of recommendation, one from a recent teacher and one from a counselor, community leader or employer
- A typed or printed essay, the requirements for which are described in the application form
- Evidence of acceptance to an accredited college or university offering a course of study focused on journalism or music.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application form and all attachments are received by the deadline date – the committee will send no notification of missing materials.

REVIEW PROCESS

Applications will be reviewed by the Daniel Pearl Berkshire Scholarship Advisory Committee, which includes the publisher of The Berkshire Eagle, and several other members with backgrounds in journalism or music. The recommendations of the Advisory Committee are subject to review by the Daniel Pearl Foundation's board of directors.

PAST WINNERS:

- 2003: Kathryn E. Anderson, Pittsfield, MA (Pittsfield High School, Harvard University)
- 2004: Luke C. Massery, Pittsfield, MA (Pittsfield High School, Eastman School of Music)
- 2005: Thomas J. Buchte, Sheffield, MA (Mt. Everett Regional, University of Southern California)

- 2006: Linnéa K. Clark, Washington, MA [Miss Hall's School, Yale University]
- 2007: Brian F. Mastroianni, Adams, MA [Hoosac Valley High School, Brown University]
- 2008: Samantha deManbey, Sandisfield, MA [Monument Mountain Regional High School; Fitchburg State College]
- 2009: Elizabeth Murray, Adams, MA [Hoosac Valley High School, St. Michael's College]
- 2010: Patrick W. Madden, Williamstown, MA [Mt. Greylock Regional High School, Brown University]
- 2011: Zachary S. Robarge, Pittsfield, MA [Pittsfield High School, University of Massachusetts]
- 2012: Naomi LaChance, Williamstown, MA [Mount Greylock Regional High School, Bard College]
- 2013: Kate Robarge, Pittsfield, MA [Pittsfield High School, University of Massachusetts, Amherst]
- 2014: Connor Wotkowicz, Adams, MA [Hoosac Valley High School, Boston College]
- 2015: Hannah Lynn Cohen, Lee, MA [Monument Mountain Regional High School, Boston University]
- 2016: Sydney Claire King, Lenox Dale, MA [Lenox Memorial High School, McGill University]

QUESTIONS:

Please contact Martin C. Langeveld 802-380-0226 or newsafternewspapers@gmail.com.