

Beth Nickel Memorial String Award

This award is presented to honour the memory of Beth Nickel, a gifted musician, teacher and supporter of the arts in Abbotsford and throughout the Lower Mainland. She always encouraged her colleagues and students to play to their full potential and to delight in the gift of music. Beth was the president of the Abbotsford Music Festival Committee at the time of her sudden passing from cancer in 2021. She leaves a rich legacy of contributions to music and music education in the Fraser Valley.

A. Description

The Beth Nickel Memorial String Award, valued at \$900, is presented annually to a deserving music student with a high degree of proficiency and a serious intent to pursue further musical development at a high level. This award is not for people who are already engaged in music professionally.

B. Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- be at least 16 years of age
- play violin, viola, cello or double bass
- be working at a minimum Level 8 RCM or equivalent level
- reside in the Fraser Valley Regional District or study currently with a teacher in the FVRD (Abbotsford/Mission and east to Hope)
- have serious plans to pursue further musical education

C. Requirements — DUE MARCH 1, 2022

1. Application form

- sent to The Valley Concert Society by email or mail

info@valleyconcertsociety.com

Beth Nickel Memorial String Award
c/o The Valley Concert Society
P.O. Box 8000-456, Station Main
Abbotsford BC V2S 6H1

2. Letter of recommendation from a music teacher

- to be sent directly from the teacher to the email or address above

3. Audition video recording

- maximum 20 minutes
- two contrasting works
- at least one work must be solo, the second may or may not be accompanied
- works that are normally accompanied should be performed with accompaniment
- posted to a public site such as Vimeo or YouTube in such a way that it is accessible to anyone who has the link
- link sent to info@valleyconcertsociety.com
- Note: The link will be provided only to the adjudicator, Valley Concert Society Board members, and those members of the Nickel family involved in making the selection.

D. Selection Criteria

- the primary evaluation criterion will be musical excellence, to be evaluated by an independent adjudicator. In the event of a large number of applicants, The Valley Concert Society may limit the number of audition recordings sent to the adjudicator through a pre-screening process.
- financial need will be a secondary consideration, to be evaluated by The Valley Concert Society.
- the Nickel family will make the final selection.

E. Timeline

- submissions due March 1, 2022.
- the winner will be informed before April 15, 2022.
- the winner must be available for a presentation ceremony at The Valley Concert Society on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at the Matsqui Centennial Auditorium.
- the actual transfer of funds will take place upon receipt of proof of registration in further music studies (may include confirmation from music teacher).

Application

Applicant

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Parent (required if applicant is age 18 or less)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Music Background

Instrument _____

Highest instructional level completed _____

Other music education _____

Music-related experience and activities _____

Music-related Goals _____

Referring Music Teacher

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Financial Need

Describe any factors you wish to include regarding financial need (such as income, family circumstances, expenses, etc.)

Audition Video Recording

Identify the music that is included on your audition video recording.

1. Title _____

Composer _____

2. Title _____

Composer _____

Video Link _____