

Former Bristol resident's love of music stays alive through scholarship

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Former Bristol resident's love of music stays alive through a scholarship that allows students to embark on a musical journey.

Former owner of Fiddlin' Around music store in Bristol, Louise (Humphrey) Van Gorder, died in 2014. Since then, The Louise (Humphrey) Van Gorder Music Camp Scholarship was established in her honor.

"Louise (Humphrey) Van Gorder enriched the lives of thousands of students and music lovers in Bristol through the Bristol String Orchestra and Fiddlin' Around, a former music store in Bristol that she and her husband Bob founded," said Samantha Rajotte, scholarship and program officer at the Main Street Community Foundation. "Every year, Louise and Bob would send one of their students to Laurel Music Camp for a unique, week-long camp experience. Before she passed away in 2014, Louise's family established a fund at Main Street Community Foundation to ensure that the tradition would continue."

The scholarship will pay the full tuition for music students to attend the week-long camp at Camp Mattatuck in Plymouth. The scholarship is open to instrumental or choral students in 9th through 12th grade from Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington or Wolcott. The camp will be held from June 25 to July 1 this year.

The Main Street Community Foundation is accepting applications through May 9. To apply for the scholarship, visit mainstreetfoundation.org and click on Scholarships.

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Susan Sadecki, president and CEO of the Main Street Community Foundation, speaks at a scholarship reception -FILE PHOTO