

THE TAD LASONCZYK MEMORIAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsored by Fleming Road United Church of Christ

Thank you for expressing interest in the Tad Lasonczyk Memorial Music Scholarship. We are proud to offer this scholarship in the name of Tad Lasonczyk. Funding for this award is obtained through donations contributed through Fleming Road United Church of Christ. For the school year 2024-2025, there is one award to be provided in the amount of \$1,000. Applications are due on or before April 1, 2024. All applications will be reviewed, and a recipient will be chosen by the Tad Lasonczyk Memorial Music Scholarship Committee before May 1, 2024.

Included in this application packet is the following items pertaining to the Tad Lasonczyk Memorial Music Scholarship:

- Biography of Tad Lasonczyk
- Guidelines
- Application

Please submit your completed application and supporting documentation to Fleming Road UCC before the deadline. Thank you again and good luck.

Sincerely, the Tad Lasonczyk Memorial Music Scholarship Committee.

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BIOGRAPHY OF TAD LASONCZYK

July 24, 1937 – December 16, 2011

Stanley Tadeusz Lasonczyk, known as “Tad” to his friends and “Mr. Laz” to his students, was a seasoned and knowledgeable musician. Tad graduated from Norwood High School in 1955 and entered the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music as a voice major. He graduated in 1959 with a Bachelor of Science in Music Education and in later years went on to earn a master’s degree in education. Tad sang professionally with the Cincinnati Summer Opera from 1961-1972, was the president of the senior class at CCM, the assistant director of the U.C. Glee Club, and sang the national anthem at UC basketball games and Reds Games at Crosley Field.

Tad’s teaching career began in 1959 in Spring Valley and Bellbrook, Ohio teaching music L-6, junior high band, chorus, general music, and high school music. Tad came to Finneytown in 1960, where he taught until he retired in 1989. At Finneytown he started with the junior high choruses, elementary instrumental band, assistant band director, and high school general music. In a few years he became director of all vocal classes at the high school.

The high school choral program included Concert Choir, Madrigal Singers, Ensemble Singers, Men’s and Women’s Glee Clubs, 8th grade Chorus, 7th grade chorus, and X-period (a before school class for band and orchestra students). Tad’s students received numerous awards, including nine superior ratings in State Music Contests of Ohio. His Ensemble Singers took 3rd Place in the Jubilee Choral Festival in Washington, D.C. in 1978, and at the Opryland American Festival, his Concert Choir came in 2nd Place in 1980 and 1983.

Finneytown musicals, which rehearsed after school, took up most of his time during the winter months. Tad served as director and choral director for 26 Finneytown musicals and was on the committee to build the Performing Arts Center (PAC). Initially performed in the cafeteria, the PAC provided a wonderful venue for all musical and theatrical performances. Professionally, Tad served as president of the District 14 OMEA Board, also serving on the state board, and was the first Finneytown Education Association president. Tad was inducted into the Finneytown Hall of Fame in 2002.

Outside of education, Tad had a variety of interests from softball, bowling, and summer theatre. He belonged to Montgomery Lodge No. 94, F&AM, and Valley of Cincinnati Scottish Rite and was an active member of Greenhills-Forest Park Kiwanis Club for which he served as president. Tad was always an active member of his church which included chairing the building committee for the current sanctuary at Fleming Road UCC. After his retirement from teaching, Tad and his wife Mary became active in the Mason Chorale and the Mason Christian Village Ambassador Singers.

After fifty years as a church choir director, Tad finally hung up his directing baton in June of 2010. At that celebration, Tad and Mary were also celebrating an upcoming 50th wedding anniversary and in lieu of gifts, Mary requested the establishment of a scholarship program in honor of Tad’s distinguished music career. It was a wonderful surprise for Tad and what better way to honor his career than to help other budding musicians and artists further their Music education.

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

1. Applicant must be a member of Fleming Road UCC and/or a student at Finneytown High School, Cincinnati, Ohio.
2. Applicant must meet one of the following criteria
 - a. In the 12th grade
 - b. In the 11th grade AND graduating early
 - c. Currently in College/University
3. Applicant must be entering an accredited College or University in one of the following Music programs:
 - a. Music - Education
 - b. Music – Instrumental
 - c. Music – Vocal
4. Criteria used in the scholarship selection process primarily include:
 - a. Music activities (examples: Band or Choir member)
 - b. Grade Point average – minimum of 3.0 (B average) required
 - c. Recommendation from a Music teacher(s) and one other non-family member
 - d. Student's future career plans as related to music
 - e. Community Service experience
 - f. Leadership Activities
5. The final decisions on whether to award a Scholarship and to whom will be made by the Fleming Road UCC Tad Lasonczyk Memorial Music Scholarship Committee. Priority consideration will be given to applicants from Finneytown High School.
6. The Scholarship is a one year, one-thousand-dollar award. Recipients may apply for up to three renewal Scholarships. Renewals are not guaranteed and, if awarded, a renewal Scholarship may be in an amount less than one thousand dollars.
7. Scholarship money will be sent to the recipient's school. Scholarship money will not be available until all required paperwork (application and required documentation) has been completed. Payment will be made in one installment prior to the beginning of the first quarter/semester after earning the scholarship.
8. Recipients of the award will be invited to share a musical presentation at Fleming Road United Church of Christ.
9. Applications must be signed by the student, parent/guardian, and counselor and emailed office@flemingroaducc.org or mailed to Fleming Road United Church of Christ, 691 Fleming Rd, Cincinnati OH 45231.

Applications for 2021-2022 scholarships are due by April 1, 2024.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian(s) Name _____

Current High School GPA _____ (7 semesters) Current College GPA _____ (if applicable)

List Music Activities:

List Honors and/or Awards:

What is your intended major(s), circle one or more

- Music – Education
- Music – Instrumental
- Music – Vocal

To which colleges/universities have you applied? (please list)	Accepted? (yes, no or pending)	Which Music Curriculum? (Music Education, Instrumental or Vocal)

Write an essay (minimum 500 words) about yourself including

- high school activities
- community service activities
- leadership activities
- work experience
- educational aspirations
- career goals

Student Signature _____

Student Name (please print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) _____

Counselor Signature _____

Counselor Name (please print) _____

Include with this application the following:

- Letters of recommendation; one from a Music teacher and another from a non-family member. To assist, provide the scholarship guidelines to the person writing the recommendation.
- High School Transcript which should include ACT/SAT scores
- College acceptance letter (if still waiting for a response, then the acceptance letter must be received before any funds will be released to the school)

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