

The Devin M. Kennedy Memorial Fund

Devin Kennedy LOVED to drum. Devin caught the bug as a 12-year-old in junior high. He had always enjoyed music, but the drums found a special place in his heart. He started lessons on a drum pad and progressed quickly...soon needing a full kit to continue. As any budding musician knows, music lessons and instruments can be a costly proposition. And music can be a difficult career. Devin eventually performed in several local bands. He also completed a degree at MSU-B in Music Performance which allowed an opportunity to experience many percussion instruments, a chance to perform solo and in groups, a chance to write his own music and perfect a variety of musical styles.

Devin's accomplishments were many, but he found that he also enjoyed helping young drummers find their groove. He started teaching from a home studio under the name "dmkdrums." In June of 2016, Devin and his business partner were creating "Amplify Studios," a recording studio in Billings, where Devin also started building his own formal drum studio.

Devin passed away unexpectedly in February 2017 at the age of 29. The DMK DRUMS Memorial Fund was created by his many friends and family to honor Devin and to continue what he had started. The fund is designed to assist young drummers in improving their skills and pursuing their dreams. The goal of the fund is to provide an annual grant of \$250 to percussion students to be used toward the purchase or rental of a percussion instrument, music lessons, or music camp, or provide the funds to an organization that promotes music education.

Students may apply by submitting a completed application *by December 15* to:
DMK DRUMS Memorial Fund, P. O. Box 20002, Billings, MT 59104

A grant will be distributed in February of the following year.

Note that funds will be issued to the individual teacher, business, or institution providing instrument, lessons, or music camp. If a grant recipient discontinues music participation or declines grant, another recipient will be chosen within 30 days.

APPLICATION FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

SCHOOL _____

BAND TEACHER/MUSIC INSTRUCTOR _____

PHONE _____

GRADE _____ AGE _____

SCHOOL BAND _____ PRIVATE LESSONS _____ BOTH _____

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN PLAYING YOUR INSTRUMENT? _____

HOW WOULD YOU USE THIS GRANT? (You can check more than one.)

INSTRUMENT _____ PRIVATE LESSONS _____ CAMP _____

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Grant recipients and parents/guardians agree to allow the use of recipient's name, photo image, or story line to be used by the DMK DRUMS Memorial Fund in any promotional material.

APPLICANT: _____

(Signature) _____ DATE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

(Signature) _____ DATE _____

