

## **Presser Scholar Award Information, 2024-2025**

Presser Award Amount: \$3,000 \*

Application Deadline: **10/4/24**

### **Presser Scholar Award Criteria**

The Presser Scholar Award is open to outstanding, undergraduate music majors in their senior year who have achieved a high level of musical and academic excellence and have exemplified leadership, diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice values. Students must be enrolled as a full-time or part-time student at the end of their final year of study. Students must also have a UNI G.P.A. of at least 3.25 to be eligible for this award.

### **Application Requirements**

Following nomination by a UNI Faculty member, students who would like to apply for the Presser Scholar Award must submit the following required materials:

1. The Presser Scholar Application form (using the shared Google Form sent to all nominees).
2. A 1-page cover letter discussing your achievements as a musician and why you are a deserving candidate for the Presser Scholar Award (submit in the Google Drive Presser Award Application folder individually shared with each nominee)
3. A 1-2 page resume (submit in the Google Drive Presser Award Application folder individually shared with each nominee)
4. 3 letters of recommendation from UNI faculty. Faculty should be asked to submit letters of recommendation directly to Dr. Peyton.
5. Copy of UNI Transcript (submit in the Google Drive Presser Award Application folder individually shared with each nominee)
6. Must complete a University Scholarship Application (USA) available at: <http://uni.edu/finaid/> (Apply for the Scholarships) by the Presser Award application deadline.

### **Responsibilities of the Presser Scholar**

The Presser Scholar Award Winner will be known as the Presser Scholar. They will provide a professional biographical summary and participate in an article for publication in the SOM newsletter, on the SOM website, and via the Presser Foundation. Other Presser Award winner responsibilities may be assigned by the SOM. The award funds will be used at the discretion of the Award recipient and may be applied towards expenses normally incurred in pursuit of a

degree OR for additional enrichment and musical advancement opportunities which are not normally provided in a university or conservatory setting.

### **Adjudication and Timeline**

- Eligible students are nominated by a faculty member by September 6, 2024.
- Nominated students applying for the award must submit all required materials by October 4, 2024.
- The Presser Scholar Award Committee will review application materials and select finalists for the award based on academic excellence; musical excellence; leadership; and diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice values.
  - Academic Excellence could include GPA, variety and number of music classes taken, awards/honors/achievements, other
  - Musical Excellence could include performance/composition experience (level, type, variety, solo/ensemble/chamber, etc.), music research/presentation/publication, collaboration, outside musical experiences, music teaching, awards/honors/achievements, other
  - Demonstrate leadership and impact through formal or informal roles within the music program, institution, and/or community. Examples could include positive relationships/interaction with students/faculty, SOM service, community outreach, membership in service organizations, leadership, collaboration, other
  - Have advanced diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice values and priorities.
- Finalists will be selected and forwarded to the full faculty review by November 1, 2024.
- SOM faculty will review the finalists' application materials and will vote to select the nominee that will be sent to the Presser Foundation for consideration by November 15, 2024.
- The SOM nominee will submit materials to the Presser Foundation by November 30, 2024.
- The Presser Foundation will confirm the Presser Scholar by January 31, 2024.
- The Presser Scholar Award will receive a \$3,000 scholarship award. \*Institutional financial aid (grants and scholarships) may not exceed the student's cost of attendance for any given semester. Cost of attendance is federally determined and based off of tuition and fees, room and board, books, personal expenses, and transportation.