

The DePalma Roy Scholarship Fund

In honor and memory of Don DePalma, accomplished jazz pianist from the Greater Hartford area. I will be issuing an 1-year scholarship in the amount of \$1500 to one deserving high school student or deserving college student.

Don, or as some would say “Donnie”, DePalma was a Hartford Jazz legend. He was the music director of the legendary 880 Club. Born and raised in Wethersfield, CT he started his music career on trumpet and made a later switch to piano. He was also well versed in percussion instruments. He died due to complications of Covid-19 on May 16, 2021, nine days before his 74th birthday.

Scholarship Requirements:

While open to any genre of music, preference will be given to those pursuing a focus in jazz. The recipients **must**:

1. Be from Hartford county (*Avon, Berlin, Bloomfield, Bristol, Burlington, Canton, East Granby, East Hartford, East Windsor, Enfield, Farmington, Glastonbury, Granby, Hartford, Hartland, Manchester, Marlborough, New Britain, Newington, Plainville, Rocky Hill, Simsbury, South Windsor, Southington, Suffield, West Hartford, Wethersfield, Windsor, Windsor Locks*)
2. Major in instrumental music including: music performance, music education, music theory, music therapy
3. Complete the Scholarship Application Form
4. Submit a recent audition video recording uploaded to YouTube
5. Write or record yourself talking about how someone like Donald DePalma influenced your decision to pursue a degree in music

Submissions will be accepted from 3/1/24 through 5/25/24. The scholarship will be granted in July 2024. For questions or to email submissions:

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