Scholarship Application Essay. A 500-word, well-conceived, well-organized, hand-written essay, to be submitted with the music scholarship application. The essay should address the following points:

- Your achievements in music, drama, speech and debate.
- Your reason(s) for applying to the Valley City State University music department.
- The ways in which you can be a positive asset to the music department, based on your experiences, ambitions and talents.
- The value of a liberal arts education for someone pursuing a career in music.
- An incident/person in your past that gave you incentive to pursue music as a career.
- Your involvement in volunteer, civic, pre-professional or Church activities, and the benefits derived by yourself and the community at large.

If you are choosing a program in music education, also address the points below.

- The primary necessary characteristics of a good teacher.
- The reasons you are particularly suited for a career in education.

If selecting a program in music business, include answers to these questions.

- Do you consider yourself to be a risk taker or entrepreneur?
- In what areas of music business are you most interested and what attributes do you have that you feel best prepare you for this field?

Return your signed essay to: Dr. Diana Skroch, Chair, Department of Music, 101 College Street SW, Valley City State University, Valley City, ND 58072