

# *The Daniel Pearl Berkshire Scholarship*

## **INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS**

The Daniel Pearl Berkshire Scholarship was established in 2003 with major support from *The Berkshire Eagle*, the *North Adams Transcript* and friends of Daniel Pearl, to benefit Berkshire-area students who intend to major in journalism or music. The scholarship fund is invested by the Daniel Pearl Foundation of Encino, California and the award program is administered by the Daniel Pearl Berkshire Scholarship Committee.

Daniel Pearl was a reporter for *The Wall Street Journal* who was kidnapped and killed, at the age of 38, by terrorists in Pakistan early in 2002. He began his career with stints as a reporter at both the *Transcript* and *The Eagle* between 1986 and 1990, after graduating from Stanford University. He joined *The Wall Street Journal* in 1990, and worked in its Atlanta, Washington, London and Paris bureaus. In 2000 he was appointed chief of *The Journal's* South Asia Bureau in Bombay, India. At the time of his death, Pearl had been seeking an interview with a shadowy Islamic leader to obtain information about terrorist organizations in Pakistan. Those who promised to arrange the interview instead kidnapped and killed him.

While Pearl's career was in journalism, he was a gifted musician, trained as a classical violinist. He also played guitar and mandolin, and while living in the Berkshires he performed in a bluegrass band.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for the 2020 award, you must meet one of the following educational qualifications, and the Berkshire area residence requirement below.

- You will graduate from high school in 2020 and plan to enter your first year of higher education in the fall of 2020, OR:
- You graduated from high school in 2018 or 2019 and deferred college enrollment for one or two years, but plan to enter your first year of college in the fall of 2020, OR:
- You plan to enter college in the fall of 2020 following a period of active military service.

Graduates of any public or private high school may qualify, as long as they meet the following residence requirement: The applicant must have maintained home residence during his or her entire senior year in high school within the circulation and news coverage area of *The Berkshire Eagle*. That area is defined as, and limited to:

- All towns in Berkshire County, Massachusetts; plus:
- Middlefield, MA
- Canaan, CT
- Pownal, Readsboro and Stamford, VT
- Canaan, New Lebanon, Berlin, Stephentown, NY

Residents of this geographic area who attended a school elsewhere (for example, a private school) also qualify.

## **AWARDS**

The award is competitive, and will be given at the discretion of the committee to a single student who exhibits a strong interest in the pursuit of education and a career either in music or journalism, and has a meritorious record of academic and community achievement while in high school. Applications will be reviewed by the committee with those criteria in mind.

The fund makes an annual award of \$2,000. *Note: The scholarship award may be subject to revocation if the recipient substantially alters his or her intent to study and pursue a career in journalism or music prior to first-year enrollment.* In addition to the college scholarship, the fund donates \$500 to the Berkshire Music School to assist in tuition for a student with financial need.

### **DEADLINE**

All applications must be received by the Committee, or postmarked, by midnight, Friday, April 24, 2020.

### **TO APPLY**

Complete the attached application form and send it to:

Pearl Scholarship Committee  
c/o Martin C. Langeveld  
131 Woodland Rd.  
Vernon, VT 05354

With the application form, please be sure to enclose:

- A certified transcript of high school grades
- Two letters of recommendation, one from a recent teacher and one from a counselor, community leader or employer
- A typed or printed essay, the requirements for which are described in the application form
- Evidence of acceptance to an accredited college or university offering a course of study focused on journalism or music.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application form and all attachments are received by the deadline date – the committee will send no notification of missing materials.

### **REVIEW PROCESS**

Applications will be reviewed by the Daniel Pearl Berkshire Scholarship Advisory Committee, which includes the publisher of The Berkshire Eagle, and several other members with backgrounds in journalism or music. The recommendations of the Advisory Committee are subject to review by the Daniel Pearl Foundation's board of directors.

### **PAST WINNERS:**

- 2003: Kathryn E. Anderson, Pittsfield, MA (Pittsfield High School, Harvard University)

- 2004: Luke C. Massery, Pittsfield, MA (Pittsfield High School, Eastman School of Music)
- 2005: Thomas J. Buchte, Sheffield, MA (Mt. Everett Regional, University of Southern California)
- 2006: Linnéa K. Clark, Washington, MA [Miss Hall's School, Yale University]
- 2007: Brian F. Mastroianni, Adams, MA [Hoosac Valley High School, Brown University]
- 2008: Samantha deManbey, Sandisfield, MA [Monument Mountain Regional High School; Fitchburg State College]
- 2009: Elizabeth Murray, Adams, MA [Hoosac Valley High School, St. Michael's College]
- 2010: Patrick W. Madden, Williamstown, MA [Mt. Greylock Regional High School, Brown University]
- 2011: Zachary S. Robarge, Pittsfield, MA [Pittsfield High School, University of Massachusetts]
- 2012: Naomi LaChance, Williamstown, MA [Mount Greylock Regional High School, Bard College]
- 2013: Kate Robarge, Pittsfield, MA [Pittsfield High School, University of Massachusetts, Amherst]
- 2014: Connor Wotkowicz, Adams, MA [Hoosac Valley High School, Boston College]
- 2015: Hannah Lynn Cohen, Lee, MA [Monument Mountain Regional High School, Boston University]
- 2016: Sydney Claire King, Lenox Dale, MA [Lenox Memorial High School, McGill University]
- 2017: Carli Scolforo, Pittsfield, MA [Taconic High School, Sienna College]
- 2018: Noah Hochfelder, Pittsfield, MA [Lenox Memorial High School, Middlebury College]
- 2019: Brierley Lloyd, Falls Village, CT [Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Endicott College]

**QUESTIONS:**

Please contact Martin C. Langeveld 802-380-0226 or [newsafternewspapers@gmail.com](mailto:newsafternewspapers@gmail.com).

# 2020 Daniel Pearl Berkshire Scholarship Application Form

Before applying, please review the scholarship qualifications, listed on the guidelines page (which can be found via: [https://www.berkshireeagle.com/daniel\\_pearl\\_berkshire\\_scholarship.html](https://www.berkshireeagle.com/daniel_pearl_berkshire_scholarship.html)).

Please complete this form and return it to the Daniel Pearl Berkshire Scholarship Committee along with:

- **A certified high school transcript,**
- **Two letters of recommendation (one from a recent teacher and one from a counselor, community leader or employer),**
- **Evidence of acceptance to an accredited college or university offering a course of study focused on journalism or music, and**
- **The essay described below.**

**Mail (postmark) all materials by midnight, Friday, April 24, 2020 to:**

Pearl Scholarship Committee  
c/o Martin C. Langeveld  
131 Woodland Rd.  
Vernon, VT 05354

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' (Guardians') Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Town in which you maintained residence during your last year in high school:

\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

High School You Attend(ed): \_\_\_\_\_

MM/YY of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

The following should also be on your official transcript. If your school provides no GPA or rank, please indicate so.

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Verbal SAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Math SAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT II Subject Tests (list highest scores received)

English ACT score: \_\_\_\_\_ Math: \_\_\_\_\_ Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ Science \_\_\_\_\_ Composite \_\_\_\_\_

Rank in Class \_\_\_\_\_ Class Size \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College or University you will be attending for the upcoming school year

(Sept –June) \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be a full-time student? :  Yes;  No

Expected date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

If part-time explain \_\_\_\_\_

Intended/Declared Major \_\_\_\_\_

List academic honors and year (list school grade level when received — 10, 11, 12, etc.):

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List acknowledgements of merit, caliber, excellence, virtue or value and grade level when received:

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List your chief interests and activities in high school and grade level when you were involved in these activities:

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List any community activities you have pursued, including any jobs you have held and volunteer work, with corresponding dates:

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**ESSAY:** The Daniel Pearl Berkshire Scholarship is awarded to a student exhibiting a strong interest and intent to study and pursue a career in journalism or music. Daniel Pearl sometimes said that what inspired him in his career was the hope that he could change the world for the better. Please attach to this application a brief essay that will acquaint the selection committee with the nature of your interest in journalism or music – what inspired your interest, what have you done to prepare yourself, what have you learned and accomplished already, and what are your aspirations in either field – and in particular...

*...how you believe you might be able to change the world for the better.*

*Note: This scholarship award may be subject to revocation if the recipient substantially alters his or her intent to study and pursue a career in journalism or music prior to first-year enrollment. You are therefore asked to certify the following statement:*

**I certify that it is my intent to study for and pursue a career in journalism and/or music.** If I am awarded the Daniel Pearl Berkshire Scholarship and change my plans before enrolling in college, I will notify the committee and arrange for the return of any scholarship award funds remitted.

I certify that all the statements made in this application form are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_