

## Vargas-Vetter/Ukena Fellowship Application

The goal of the Vargas-Vetter/Ukena Fellowships is to identify, train, and mentor students from underrepresented communities who are pursuing a musical education. All NYYS students accepted into the NYYS orchestra, chamber music, jazz, conducting, composition, and musical theater composition programs are eligible to apply for the fellowships which will last one or two years. Awarded fellows will participate in the NYYS program of their choice, including performances, rehearsals, sectionals, master classes and workshops, and receive a \$5,000 stipend to offset costs of NYYS fees, private lessons, travel, and instrument maintenance. Fellows will be paired with a mentor who will guide them throughout their fellowship and work together to create a personalized roadmap to college. Fellows are eligible to receive full-tuition scholarships to the Interlochen Center for the Arts. Fellows are required to participate in NYYS community outreach efforts.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Instrument(s): \_\_\_\_\_

NYYS Program(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years in NYYS program(s): \_\_\_\_\_

School attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Year/Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Application Narrative:**

Please respond to each of the following items in essay form:

- Describe your musical education thus far. (How long have you played your instrument? With whom do you study?)
- What are your musical aspirations for the future?
- How has your experience in the NYYS helped further your musical education? If this is your first year in the program, what are you hoping to achieve by being in the program?
- Describe your favorite musical performance and/or experience
- Describe your community service activities during the past two years. Tell us why you think it is important to be involved in your community.
- What are your college goals? (Area of study, private/public school, 2 or 4 year degree, masters, etc.)
- What do you hope to achieve with this fellowship?
- Why should you be selected for this fellowship?
- If you receive the fellowship, how would you use the funds? Please be specific.
- Do you currently have a mentor? If so, how often do you see them and what do you most enjoy doing together?
- What qualities are you looking for in a mentor? How often would you be able to meet with a mentor?

- When are you available for community service activities?
- Anything else you want to share with the selection committee?

**Parent Information:**

Father/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of employment/title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone(s) & Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of employment/title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone(s) & Email \_\_\_\_\_

Total Salary and Wages \$ \_\_\_\_\_ # of dependents on tax return \_\_\_\_\_  
 (from last line of first page of income tax return)  
 Any other dependents (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a copy of the first two pages of your 2018 income tax return. If not available, attach recent W2 forms, SSI statements, or unemployment statements of income. All information submitted will be treated strictly confidentially and destroyed after fellowship decisions have been made.**

**Statement of Intent**

We certify that all the information on this application is true and correct.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Deadline: Friday, October 18, 2019**

Email your submission to Shauna Quill, Executive Director, squill@nyys.org

Interviews will take place the week of October 28, 2019.  
 Applicants will be notified of the decisions by mid-November.