

Ian Minnick Memorial Scholarship

The Ian Minnick Memorial Scholarship offers a \$1,000 renewable (up to four years) award to a talented musician or other creative artist who is furthering their education in a part or full-time capacity.

Scholarship Criteria:

- ✓ Applicant must be a graduating senior.
- ✓ Applicant may attend an accredited technical school, dance or art academy or a two or four-year college or university in a part or full-time capacity.
- ✓ Applicant must be pursuing continuing education in music, digital media production, fashion, voice, dance, theater, filmography, photography, fashion design or other art form.
- ✓ Applicant must have a history of participating in at least one of the following: band, choir, extra-curricular creative or fine arts programs or classes in school or in the community.
- ✓ Applicant must have two letters of recommendation submitted, at least one being from a teacher.
- ✓ GPA will not be taken into consideration, but all graduation requirements must be met.
- ✓ Applicant must electronically submit at least one visual, audio or performance piece demonstrating the applicant's ability and talent in the art form of choice.
- ✓ Applications must be submitted online at IansLegacy.com by 11:59 p.m. on April 21st.

Award Recipients:

- ✓ Recipient must provide the school acceptance letter for the first-year scholarship.
- ✓ Applicant must reapply for the award each year, submitting proof of enrollment annually by August 30th.
- ✓ Scholarship payments are made directly to the recipient.
- ✓ Award is complete and discontinues upon recipient's graduation if done so in less than four years.
- ✓ If the recipient withdraws from school, the award will be discontinued.
- ✓ Recipient must remain in good standing with the attending school.
- ✓ If the recipient changes major or educational focus or transfers to another educational institution, the scholarship committee must be notified and a determination will be made if the award will be continued based on the information received.

Ian's Legacy Foundation

Ian Minnick was a skilled musician and creative thinker, pursuing a degree in Digital Media Production and focusing on sound at Kent State University until his death at age 22. Ian was a 2015 graduate of Riverside High School.

Ian was a percussionist in the Symphonic Band, the Percussion and Squad Leader on the snare drum in the Riverside Regiment, in the pep band, and the pit band for various musicals. Ian was the recipient of the Regiment Best in Class and Best Male Musician as voted on by the Regiment for multiple years. Ian was also the recipient of the John Phillips Sousa Award and the U.S. Marines' "Semper Fidelis" Award for Musical Excellence his senior year. His high school senior project was to perform and record each drum cadence for future Regiment Drumlines to hear and learn.

Outside of school, Ian took voice, guitar, piano and percussion lessons and participated in the Riverside Community Talent Show and Pfabe's Rock School for many years. For multiple years, Ian attended a Recording Camp at Bowling Green State University's Summer Music Institute. While a high school student and as a student at Kent State University, he participated in various movies by acting, filming and as a sound technician.

Ian was the guitarist in Chil, an alternative rock band based in Stow, for nine years. He collaborated with his band writing music and lyrics, recording music videos, designing logos and maintaining their online presence. They recorded many original songs and ultimately recorded their last EP with Ian at the historical Motor Museum in Liverpool, England.

Ian had been a 6th-grade camp counselor and a high school band ambassador for middle school students. Ian taught guitar and percussion to many Riverside students and returned to Band Camp each year to help teach the drum line. By being involved with younger students in these ways, he has had a lasting impact even after graduating from Riverside. These scholarships are to continue Ian's Legacy by inspiring others to follow their passions and express themselves in the creative arts.