

## BURSARY PROGRAM Report to the Annual General Meeting

Fall 2020

Fiscal Year 2019-20 marked the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the SVS Bursary Program, which provides direct support to deserving students of music.

With the loss of revenue from the 2019 Christmas Concert, the Program was at risk for the year, however a donor stepped forward to cover the cost of one bursary of \$250.

Four bursary applications were reviewed independently by the members of the Bursary Committee using an objective scoring matrix. The outcome was unanimous, although all applications were strong.

The winning candidate was **Nicholas Howard**, a talented musician from Iroquois who has studied music from the age of 6 and has played in the Seaway District High School band. His musical successes include a Kinsmen Musical Festival award for classical piano playing and for personal composition. He is now pursuing post-secondary studies towards a career in music therapy. Some of you might have heard him at the *Tilted Steeple Coffee House*, where he played tenor sax with the band *Almost Synchronized*.

We are proud of the music pursuits of all four applicants in our community, and we wish them success.

SVS Bursary Committee,
Mike Ouellette and Rosemary Wells