



Heather Forsha Bio

Heather Ann (Lesh) Forsha was a graduate of Unatego Central Schools, and received a Bachelor of Music and Masters of Music from Westminster Choir College, Princeton, NJ. She began her career in New Hampshire at the Concord Community Music School, where she taught piano and accompanied students and faculty for 15 years. During that time she also worked on the faculty of Summer Sonatina in Bennington, Vermont during her summers. She recently worked as an Adjunct Professor at Hartwick College, where she taught music theory, aural skills, class and individual piano. While there she accompanied numerous students, faculty and choirs. She was a church musician at the New Rye Congregational Church, New Rye, NH where she directed the adult and youth choirs, and was an accompanist for NYSSMA Area All State and Solo festivals. She was also a church musician at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Unadilla. A gifted musician, pianist, and accompanist, she offered her talents to other musicians in the schools and communities where she lived.



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OCMEA

Otsego County Music Educators Association

Scholarship Application

In memory of Heather Lesh Forsha

(See back for Biography)

Requirements: Any senior in a participating OCMEA school district may apply for the Heather Lesh Forsha scholarship as long as you are enrolled in your school music program using the NYSSMA guidelines. We have the flexibility of giving up to two scholarships at \$250.00 at the discretion of the executive committee of OCMEA. Students who are awarded the scholarship will perform a piece at their respective All-County Festival. In order to be eligible for one of these scholarships you must provide the following:

1. This completed application form (essay and recommendation must accompany this on the day of the audition)

2. Audition at the All-County Audition weekend on your respective instrument or voice part on Saturday, November 5, 2022. Please have your music teacher e-mail Daniel Stevens dstevens@schenevuscsd.org to make arrangements for your audition.

Please prepare a small 2-3 minute section of a piece to showcase your talent. 3. One teacher recommendation

4. Essay-instructions below

5. Teacher Recommendation

Name: _____

School: _____

Instrument/Voice: _____

Please list all music activities such as Area All-State, All-County, NYSSMA level and scores:

Please list all of your current school music ensembles: _____

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*****Essay:** In one page, please answer the following question: Why do you believe you are a good candidate for the Heather Lesh Forsha scholarship?

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