

Dear sponsor of the Isidor Desser Memorial Scholarship

Thank you very much for the financial support this award has given me. I am a first year music student studying oboe at the University of Ottawa. This award will allow me to focus on schooling rather than work and will let me grow as a musician. Music students have a difficult enough time balancing school and practice time, adding work on top of that makes schooling almost impossible. I am so incredibly appreciative of this award and the impact it will have on my ability to focus on school, rather than how I will afford to go to school. This award will be used either towards rent or to pay for the cost of schooling. Being an oboist is very expensive, and so will moving to Ottawa next year. I decided to stay in Manitoba for another year to save money and avoid COVID-19 however, next year I will likely have to move. Moving from rural Manitoba to Ottawa will be a very big change, but I am extremely excited for what the future will hold.

Your generous support has made me incredibly grateful and exhilarated.

Thank you very much and stay safe,

Dylan Pinette