



About Connor

As a performer and leader in the RHS Band Program, Connor Donohue (RHS 2003) took every opportunity to share his passion for music with family, friends, faculty, and even strangers.

In college, Connor majored in Music Performance and founded "New London Music Tutoring" to help unprivileged kids in local schools.

Following college, he brought his talents to NYC, working as Dean of Students at Prep for Prep, an organization that helps gifted inner-city students gain acceptance to New York's most prestigious high schools.

Through this Fellowship, we aim to continue Connor's work.

Connor's Music Fellowship



We are committed to serving current students and continuing to strengthen music education programs at Ridgewood High School.

Questions about the Fellowship or other RHS Band Alumni scholarship opportunities may be directed to an RHS Band Director or the Fellowship team.

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About the Fellowship

Connor's Music Fellowship is more than just an opportunity for individual growth—it's a collaborative journey. Fellowship students meet regularly and work together as a cohesive group under the guidance of a dedicated, compassionate music educator.

Throughout their four years at Ridgewood High School, students in the Fellowship program not only enhance their musical skills but also build lasting relationships, learning the value of teamwork and mutual support within a vibrant musical community.

Once selected, students are welcomed into the Fellowship for all four years of high school. This continuity ensures that they receive consistent support and opportunities to refine their craft while contributing to the rich tradition of Connor's Music Fellowship.



Through this four-year program, Fellowship members will develop an enhanced love of music, personal confidence, mentoring skills, and meaningful friendships.

Acceptance into the Fellowship may include:

- ✓ Four years of weekly private music lessons subsidized at \$60/lesson throughout the school year.
- ✓ Monthly seminars with a certified music educator
- ✓ Lessons with master teachers from leading universities
- ✓ Organized music events in NJ and NYC
- ✓ Application and acceptance fees for Bergen County, Region, and All-State Bands

All arrangements will be made on the student's behalf and all costs will be covered by the Fellowship.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants should demonstrate a love of music, the motivation to study music seriously, a desire to perform publicly, and a willingness to serve as a mentor and role model to younger musicians.

In addition to completing a written application (available at connorfellowship.org), students may submit a brief recording that demonstrates their musical abilities.

Parents/Guardians will be asked to write a brief statement detailing their interest in the Fellowship and its importance to their child's music education.

Interviews will take place after applications are submitted. A timeline for the application process will be made available at the beginning of each school year.

To maintain their status in Connor's Music Fellowship, students are required to be enrolled in a curricular ensemble of the RHS Band Program for all four years of high school. Additionally, they must actively participate in at least two co-curricular music groups each year, ensuring a well-rounded and immersive musical experience.