



# FLORENCE STOWE

## MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

**The Music Ministry at First Congregational Church is excited to announce a music scholarship in honor of Florence Stowe.**

Florence was a long-time member of First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury and participated faithfully in the Senior Choir and other special music events. She also performed and taught music extensively in the Central Massachusetts area and passed on her love of music to many people. Upon her passing in February of 2025, she gave a financial gift to First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury. It is with this gift that the Stowe Music Scholarship was established in May of 2025.

**How is the scholarship funded?** Donations from the annual Spooktacular event held each October will be redirected toward the Stowe Music Scholarship beginning with the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Spooktacular on October 18, 2025. Donations from our spring organ recitals will also be redirected toward the Stowe Music Scholarship beginning with Malcolm Halliday on May 18, 2025.

Donations to the Stowe Music Scholarship will also be accepted at any time throughout the year. You can donate by writing a check to First Congregational Church and writing Stowe Music Scholarship in the memo line or by giving online and typing Stowe Music Scholarship in the box marked 'Other.'

**Who is eligible?** Graduating High School Seniors who participated in the Music Ministry at any point in their life will be eligible to apply. Examples include: singing in the Training Choir or Youth Singers, playing with the Chimers, playing the tower chimes, playing instrumental accompaniment with the choirs or providing music for other special events. *You must be an FCC member to be eligible for the Stowe Music Scholarship.* Children of the staff and clergy at First Congregational Church will not be eligible to apply.

**How are recipients selected?** The Music Ministry Team will review the applications and award the scholarships each spring beginning in the year 2026. Preference will be given to the student with the most participation in the musical life of FCC. In the event of a tie, the award may be divided. The first award will be presented on Music Sunday, May 17, 2026.

**How can I apply?** Eligible graduating High School seniors may apply by filling out and submitting the Stowe Musical Scholarship Application, available online or through the Church Office.