

Background:

Mary Jane Dempler was a pianist, SAI sister, and supporter of local musicians, both students and professionals. In the summer of 2018, Pontchartrain Alumnae Chapter received a generous gift from the estate of Mary Jane Dempler, a charter- and long time-member of Pontchartrain. Pontchartrain Chapter wishes to continue her generosity and award funds to a worthy applicant who demonstrates the ideals that Mary Jane embraced and the high standards of SAI.

The chapter voted that the amount be \$500, given annually, for up to 10 years, meant to be 10 years worth of grants (\$5000 total).

The grant is available to Alpha A SAIs who had a project, whether it was for an individual (project for their school, etc), or a chapter project. Can possibly be extended to all of Alpha Province if we were getting no responses.)

Eligibility requirements: Active member of SAI in good standing with a collegiate or alumnae chapter in Alpha A Province.

The grant may be in support of an outreach project developed and carried out by a chapter OR an individual for the musical enrichment of the campus or community beyond the membership of SAI. The grant may not be used for scholarships, tuition, or purchasing music or instruments for general operations of an ensemble.

Examples of projects include, but are not limited to, purchasing music materials for a school "adopted" by the chapter, presenting a workshop on vocal techniques for a children's choir, partial funding for a school string program by purchasing a classroom string bass, partial funding for a school assembly featuring a local musician, etc.

Grant amount to be awarded shall be up to \$500, or none may be given. All applicants will be notified of results.

Submissions are due by October 30, 2023 and must be completed through the [Google Form](#). Additional documentation may be emailed to saipontchartrain@gmail.com (no more than 1 page). Subject line must include "Mary Jane Dempler Grant". Funds will be awarded to the recipient(s) on or after Jan. 1, 2024. The project should be completed by Sept. 1, 2024 and documentation submitted to Pontchartrain Alumnae Chapter detailing the successful completion of the project.