



Dear Applicant,

June 30, 2019

Thank you for your interest in the Danny Hall Memorial Scholarship, offered by the Microwave Dave Music Education Foundation (MDMEF) in collaboration with Valley Conservatory.

At the suggestion of Microwave Dave Gallaher, the MDMEF has developed and implemented a scholarship program entitled the Danny Hall Memorial Music Scholarship. This scholarship is named for the highly accomplished local Huntsville musician, Danny Hall, who passed away in 2018. A committee comprised of both MDMEF board members, and teachers and administrators from our music education partner, Valley Conservatory, developed criteria and guidelines for current and future applicants of the scholarship. The first recipient of the scholarship was Jonah Hall.

The Microwave Dave Music Education Foundation is a nonprofit 501(C)(3) organization devoted to the integration of music with learning. MDMEF works with educators and musicians to develop lesson plans that effectively pair with academic standards. In addition to the education component, MDMEF also organizes special events where accomplished local musicians perform for students.

The Foundation works with local musicians, educators and music teachers to support and promote music education in North Alabama. The Danny Hall Memorial Scholarship is part of that mission. Through this scholarship program, MDMEF hopes to foster talented young musicians, and enable them to progress in their craft. We are privileged to have Valley Conservatory as a partner in this project.

Enclosed in this packet you will find a bio of Danny Hall, your application, guidelines and tips for a successful audition, and an outline of the interview. The winner will sign a sheet outlining the terms of agreement.

Thank you again, and good luck on your audition and interview!

Sincerely,

MDMEF
Valley Conservatory

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About Danny Hall
August 26, 1952 – December 16, 2018

Daniel (Danny) Thomas Hall was born in Knoxville, TN into a family that loved and embraced music. He, along with his siblings and parents, were all musicians and formed a family band that played at local events & church singings throughout his youth. Danny played guitar along with his father Ken Hall, who was also an accomplished organist. His mother Daisy played autoharp, sister Debbie played drums, brother Sam played bass guitar, and his twin brother Mike played steel guitar.

Danny studied music at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville where he played in marching and concert band. He left college to become a member of a traveling band, and that began his journey as a career musician. In 1972, Danny moved to Huntsville, Alabama, and established himself on the music scene where he remained as a significant force for 46 years. Danny played with many bands such as The Rock Fossils, Kozmic Mama, The Crawlers and The Brakers, as well as performing solo and duo gigs with his local musician friends.

If Danny wasn't playing a guitar, he was working on one. Guitarists from far and wide brought guitars to Danny, and he would gently restore them using tools of his own creation. He was called "the guitar whisperer" by his family due to his unique process of restoration.

Danny was proficient on any instrument he got his hands on. His children grew up with access to all types of instruments that he encouraged them to explore. Mandolins, violins, drums, harmonicas, bass guitars, pianos, keyboards, etc. decorated his home.

Danny toured and played with well-known bands, recorded sessions at Fame Studio in Muscle Shoals and Mill Kids Studio in Huntsville, and was well respected by his peers. He is missed.



Application

Danny Hall Memorial Scholarship MDMEF and Valley Conservatory

Name of student _____

Name of parent/guardian _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Date of birth _____

Grade in school _____

Name of school _____

Musical experience (answer on back)

Has the student had private instruction? (Circle one) Y N

Years of study _____

Instrument _____

Letters of recommendation are from

1)

2)

List activities of community involvement (answer on back)

This application must be submitted to Dr. Renee Collins by October 18, 2019, at this address:

**Valley Conservatory
PO Box 11635
Huntsville, AL 35814**

Or by email to:

Education@valleyconservatory.com



Guidelines for Audition Danny Hall Memorial Scholarship MDMEF and Valley Conservatory

Play 2 pieces in different styles or moods

Memorization is not required

Student will provide their own accompanist if one is needed

Appropriate clothing is required

Be on time to audition

Audition date: _____

Audition time: _____

Audition place: Valley Conservatory, Hampton Cove Campus
5732 US Hwy 431
Brownsboro, AL 35741

Tips for a Successful Audition

Prepare thoroughly in the weeks before your auditioning.

Wear neat appropriate clothing.

You (and your accompanist, if needed) should be 15 minutes early to your audition to set up your instrument, warm up, get settled.

Bring everything you need to the audition (music, instrument, extra reeds, etc.).

Speak to the judges and make eye contact as you hand them your music.

Take a moment to focus on your tempo before you begin playing or singing.

Remember your dynamics and expression.

Remember, little mistakes do not matter; just keep going.

Thank your judges for hearing you.



Interview for Danny Hall Memorial Scholarship MDMEF and Valley Conservatory

Date and time of interview _____

Name of student _____

Questions:

Why do you need this scholarship?

What are your musical goals?

Have you studied music on an instrument or voice before?

Do you have an instrument for practicing at home?

Are you in band or chorus at school?

Are you in any musical groups at church or elsewhere?

What kinds of music do you like?

What is your favorite subject in school?

What is your least favorite subject in school?

Tests for rhythm:

Tests for tonal memory:

Pattern recognition:

Pitch recognition: