



## GPFS Private Study Grant Awardees, 2022

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The Greater Portland Flute Society is pleased to announce the Study Grant winners for 2023-2024. The scholarship gives \$300 on the student's behalf for private flute lessons with a GPFS teacher of their choice.

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*The mission of the study grant program is to help provide educational opportunities and inspiration through membership in the flute society and private instruction. The GPFS newsletter and web site allows flutists to find teachers, accompanists, performing ensembles, workshops, master classes, vendors, and flute repair information.*

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**This year's six recipients are:** Karina Pavlovna Rozova - teacher, Johana St. Claire; Jerimiah Commacho Guerra – teacher Sandy Duffy Norman; Mariah Aguilar, Alona Williamson, and Moises Acosta - teacher Denise Westby; and, Ayush Wyncoop - teacher, Becky Hocker.

Study Grants Open Annually on September 15th  
[www.gpfs.org/Student-Study-Grants](http://www.gpfs.org/Student-Study-Grants)

*Congratulations to these deserving, talented students.*

*Please read on to learn more about  
these talented young musicians!*



**Moises Acosta** – Moises is a high school senior currently attending Mountainside High School, where I'm a part of the school's Wind Ensemble under the direction of Jeremy Zander. I have played flute in various ensembles since the sixth grade from Pit Orchestra to Marching Band. I'm very grateful for this opportunity and I look forward to continuing to study flute through high school and college. Moses studies the flute with Denise Westby.



**Mariah Aguilar** – “My name is Mariah Aguilar, I am from Tigard, Oregon, I have been playing the flute for 4 years and it has become an important aspect of my life. Aside from flute, my hobbies include running track and cross country for my high school, reading, and baking.” Mariah studies the flute with Denise Westby.



**Jeremiah Camacho-Guerrero** - Jeremiah is a senior at McKay High School and has been playing flute since 5th grade. He is now principal flute of the McKay Wind Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra, Flute Section Leader of the McKay Marching Band, is a member of the Salem Youth Symphony, and was accepted into the 2024 Allstate Wind Symphony. He studies with Sandy Duffy Norman and plans to attend the University of Oregon in the fall to pursue a degree in Music Education.



**Karina Pavlovna Rozova** – Karina is a flutist at Houck Middle School where she is in the 8th grade and plays in the Advanced Band. Last year, Karina was selected to play in All City. Karina began flute in the winter of 5th grade and has been playing flute for over 3 years now. But she got heavily inspired to learn piccolo after hearing a South Salem High Schooler, Diego Fernandez play “The Stars and Stripes Forever” solo. Karina currently plays in Salem Youth Symphony “Philharmonia”. During all of this time she has been studying flute with Johana St. Clair (her private teacher) and she continues to seek challenges and opportunities to play and hopes to play beyond school years. But there are other things she enjoys doing other than flute like crocheting, reading, spending time with her family, and talking with friends, even if it is over the phone most times. Karina studies the flute with Johana St. Clair.



**Ayush Wynkoop** - “I am a senior at Valley Catholic High School in Beaverton, and this is my seventh year playing the flute. I have the privilege of studying with Beckie Hocker. I play in the Symphony Orchestra and Symphonic Wind Ensemble of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony in Portland. Additionally, I have played in the Westside Community and Youth Orchestra in Hillsboro and the Valley Catholic Flute Choir *Flutissimos*. I also play alto saxophone in my school band. I am grateful for the human and cultural connections enabled through being involved in music and in musical communities such as GPFS. I plan to major in music performance.” Ayush studies flute with Beckie Hocker.



**Alona Williamson** – “Hi, my name is Alona, a flute player attending Tualatin High School as a senior, and a recipient of a GPFS Grant! I’m so thankful that this will allow me to continue improving at playing the flute. Music is and has always been a huge part of my life, in addition to other forms of art like drawing and painting. As graduation and college aren’t far from reach, it excites me to know that I will be continuing to play the flute after high school and will be studying with the amazing Denise Westby who has helped my skills and confidence grow so greatly! Thank you GPFS!”